HELEN SANDERS 1-8-2025 STAY VIGILANT

This morning (Tuesday) I heard the Lord say, "Stay Vigilant." In hearing this I was immediately drawn to 1 Peter 5:8-9 which says, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."

To be vigilant means to keep awake, to watch, to be watchful. I believe that the Lord is saying that we need to be aware that something evil is about to take place, and that we should not be caught off guard.

I am also reminded of the time Jesus asked his disciples to watch and pray when he was in the Garden of Gethsemane. None of them stayed awake. We are at the hour that an all-out battle by our enemy, the devil, the adversary of our soul will intensify. We must stay on high alert 24/7. That is what it means to "stay vigilant."

Remember, we are soldiers in the army of God, with Jesus being our Commander in Chief. He will give us our marching orders as we spend time with him. This is not the hour to fear. It is the hour that we have been called to battle. It should not have come as a surprise that we are in that hour.

Walk in faith. Watch and pray. Stay vigilant! The time is at hand!