

# TAKE TO HEART





# **Take to Heart:**

**<sup>3</sup>Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.**

**Revelation 1:3 (NIV)**

# **Take to Heart:**

**To internalize or live according to something; to be greatly affected and impacted by something; to hold onto as valuable and life-directing.**

<sup>12</sup>I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest.

**Revelation 1:12-20, 2:1 (NIV)**

**<sup>14</sup>The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. <sup>15</sup>His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.**

**Revelation 1:12-20, 2:1 (NIV)**

**<sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars,  
and coming out of his mouth was a  
sharp, double-edged sword. His face was  
like the sun shining in all its brilliance.**

**<sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as  
though dead. Then he placed his right  
hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I  
am the First and the Last.**

**Revelation 1:12-20, 2:1 (NIV)**



**<sup>18</sup>I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. <sup>19</sup>“Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. <sup>20</sup>The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this:**

**Revelation 1:12-20, 2:1 (NIV)**

**The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches. To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands.**

**Revelation 1:12-20, 2:1 (NIV)**



**TAKE TO  
HEART: HE  
KEEPS HIS  
PROMISES**

**WE'RE IN HIS  
HANDS & HE'S  
IN OUR MIDST**

# PROMISE

**A pledge, vow, or declaration made about the future.**

**“In the same way the sun never grows weary of shining, nor a stream of flowing, it is God’s nature of keep His promises.”**

*Charles Spurgeon*



# **THE GLORIFIED CHRIST**

**1. Sees All**

**2. Intercedes for Us**

**3. Stands Ready to Judge**

**WE'RE IN  
HIS HANDS**

**<sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.**

**John 10:28 (NIV)**



**<sup>10</sup>So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**

**Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)**

**<sup>16</sup>See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.**

**YOU'RE IN HIS  
HANDS: DON'T  
SQUIRM, REST!**

HE'S IN  
OUR MIDST



**HE'S IN YOUR  
MIDST: DON'T  
STRAY, STAY!**



# JESUS HAS NEVER STOPPED WALKING AMONG THE CHURCHES

34-313 A.D.

Roman  
persecution of  
Christians led to  
the spread of  
Christianity





# JESUS HAS NEVER STOPPED WALKING AMONG THE CHURCHES

386 A.D.

God raises up Augustine  
of Hippo in Northern  
Africa, using him to  
influence the Church for  
generations to come





# **JESUS HAS NEVER STOPPED WALKING AMONG THE CHURCHES**

**1457**

**After John Huss' martyrdom, the Moravian Missionary Movement is birthed and spreads**





# **JESUS HAS NEVER STOPPED WALKING AMONG THE CHURCHES**

**1521**

**When the Church  
was at a low point,  
God raised up Martin  
Luther to reform it**





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1750

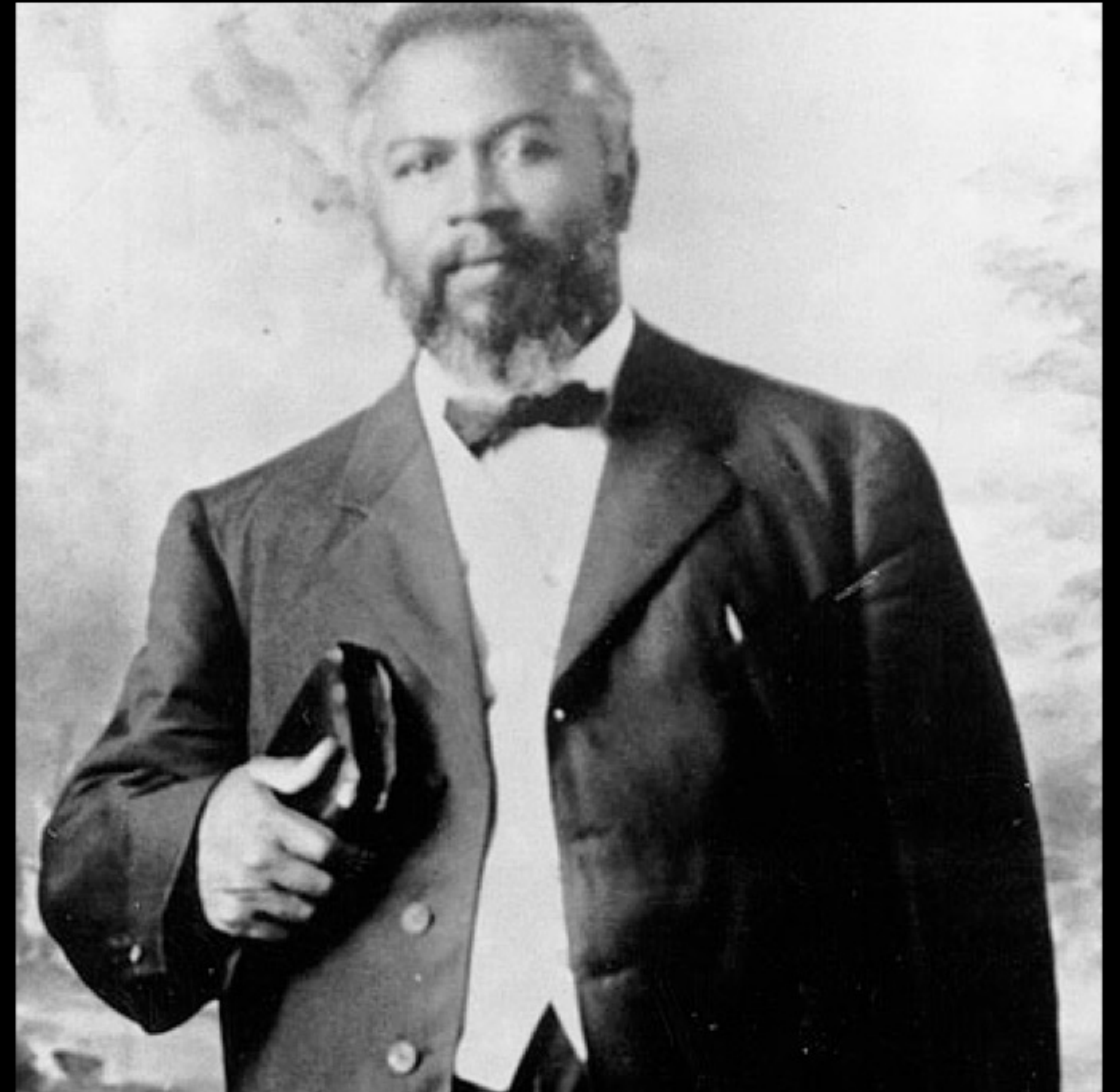
**When America was in a  
Civil War and the  
church needed a great  
awakening, God raised  
up Charles Finney**



# **JESUS HAS NEVER STOPPED WALKING AMONG THE CHURCHES**

**1906**

**God uses William  
Seymour to begin the  
Azusa Street Revival**





# **JESUS HAS NEVER STOPPED WALKING AMONG THE CHURCHES**

**1930's-1940's**

**In Nazi Germany,  
Dietrich Bonhoeffer resisted  
Hitler's distortion of  
Christianity and started an  
underground Bible School  
and network of churches**





# JESUS HAS NEVER STOPPED WALKING AMONG THE CHURCHES

Today

In China, the Church operates “underground,” the sales of Bibles are illegal, and the display of the Cross is not allowed



**“The future is as bright as the  
promises of God.”**

*William Carey*