

One With Him

^{137:6.5} Jesus instructed them to take up their regular duties until “the hour of the kingdom comes.” And to encourage them, he set an example by going back regularly to work in the boat-shop. In explaining that they should spend three hours every evening in study and preparation for their future work, Jesus further said: “We will all remain hereabout until the Father bids me call you. Each of you must now return to his accustomed work just as if nothing had happened. Tell no man about me and remember that my kingdom is not to come with noise and glamour, but rather must it come through the **great change which my Father will have wrought in your hearts and in the hearts of those who shall be called to join you in the councils of the kingdom.** You are now my friends; I trust you and I love you; you are soon to become my personal associates. Be patient, be gentle. Be ever obedient to the Father’s will. Make yourselves ready for the call of the kingdom. While you will experience great joy in the service of my Father, you should also be prepared for trouble, for I warn you that it will be only through much tribulation that many will enter the kingdom. But those who have found the kingdom, their joy will be full, and they shall be called the blessed of all the earth. But do not entertain false hope; the world will stumble at my words. Even you, my friends, do not fully perceive what I am unfolding to your confused minds. Make no mistake; we go forth to labor for a generation of sign seekers. They will demand wonder-working as the proof that I am sent by my Father, and they will be slow to recognize in the revelation of my Father’s love the credentials of my mission.”

^{137:6.6} That evening, when they had returned to the land, before they went their way, Jesus, standing by the water’s edge, prayed: “My Father, I thank you for these **little ones** who, in spite of their doubts, even now believe. And for their sake’s have I set myself apart to do your will. **And now may they learn to be one, even as we are one.**”

Jesus asked them to set aside time for study and ministry preparation. Should we also?

Do we have work that will allow for focus on ministry later on and for years to come? Do you need to make an adjustment? If so, this may take a great deal of time.

Consider how this great work of the kingdom is to be wrought in our hearts without a show or display?

How do we prepare for tribulation as we serve Him?

He asked us to ‘make ourselves ready’. How do we do this?

With patience in mind: Ask for Him to make you one?

Faith alone is all that is required!