

MACHAIRA

CHRIST COMMONWEALTH-COMMUNITY

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(Pronounced makh'-ahee-rah)

- Daily revelatory thoughts to sharpen you and to help you grow in deep spiritual understanding and knowledge.
- Scriptures for your daily meditation.
- Daily Christ-centered and apostolic-prophetic prayers.

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TAKE A STAND!

"And when it was day, some of the Jews banded together and bound themselves under an oath, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul."

Acts 23:12

Our call to carry out the mandate of Christ is a matter of war.

If you have been following this *Machaira with Apostle Bennie* for a while, this wouldn't be new to you.

We must have a sense of urgency and be intentional about this mandate of Christ.

The work of the ministry is not some mere philanthropic engagement.

The Church is not some social club. The Church is God's strategy to dispossess the work of the devil in every city and nation.

As members of the Church we are not sent out for funfair we are in serious business.

You are a helper of the war and you must take A STAND having the Lord as your witness to spread the gospel of Jesus, no matter the cost.

After Paul's arrest (See Acts 21:27-40), he continued to use every opportunity he had before the council to preach. And certain Jews swore an oath, with the intention to kill Paul.

They swore an oath putting themselves under a curse.

This is how serious the people of the world are to execute their plans.

In our day, there are many who have sworn to subdue Europe, Africa, Asia, and the whole world with their religion. Many terrorist groups have sworn an oath to destroy lives for their religion.

Some have made an oath, to sponsor the course of such religious and wicked plottings no matter the cost.

What are you doing for the gospel?

What STAND HAVE YOU TAKEN?

What pledge have you made to the LORD?

And what step are you taking?

"Look at how the power brokers of the world rise up to hold their summit as the rulers scheme and confer together against Yahweh and his Anointed King..."

Psalm 2:2 (TPT)

Beloved where is your allegiance?

Are you serving the course of this world (which includes your selfish ambition) or relentlessly standing and supporting the course of Christ?

It wasn't just the Jews who had sworn an oath.

Paul also had his strong stand and conviction:

"If I proclaim the Message, it's not to get something out of it for myself. I'm compelled to do it, and doomed if I don't!" 1 Corinthians 9:16 (MSG)

Today as you are reading this **MAKE A DECISION TO SPONSOR THE COURSE OF CHRIST AND THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL NO MATTER THE COST.**

How far do you want to see the spread of the gospel?

God will do more through you **AS YOU TAKE A STAND with Him.**

Shalom.

DIG DEEPER:

(Acts 23; 1 Corinthians 15:1; 1 Corinthians 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:2; 1 Chronicles 12:38; 29:24)

WE PRAY:

That we will determine in our hearts that the vision of the Lord will not fail in any sphere (town, city, community, school or workplace) we find ourselves.

BIBLE READING:

DAY 230

Ecclesiastes 3 - 5

Acts 8 - 9

DECLARE THESE WORDS:

- My commitment and allegiance is to the spread of the gospel
- I am a sponsor of the gospel.
- I stand for the course of Christ.
- I don't serve my interest; I serve the purpose of Christ.
- As long as I am in this world, my dedication is to the work of the ministry.
- I will shine forth the light of God, and darkness will have no space.
- I commit my money, my time, my attention, and all assets to the GOSPEL OF CHRIST.
- I AM DETERMINED IN MY HEART THAT THE VISION OF THE LORD WILL NOT FAIL IN MY TOWN, CITY, COMMUNITY, SCHOOL AND WORKPLACE.

Oh Hallelujah!