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In the face of relentless and  
persistent evil...

Who's in Control?

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When everything goes against  
you and you want to die.

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When goodness is corrupted  
and injustice abounds.

Who's in Control?

Every generation experiences its wicked awfulness...

Our society is not getting better but worse.

**So what do we do about it?**

**Word wise:**

**Repeated time and again through 1 and 2 Kings ... Relentless corrupting evil.**

**1 Kings 15:26**

He did evil in the eyes of the LORD,  
following the ways of his father and  
committing the same sin his father had  
caused Israel to commit.

## 2 Timothy 3:1-5

<sup>1</sup>But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. <sup>2</sup>People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, <sup>4</sup>treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— <sup>5</sup>having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

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**Stop looking for an easy way out  
and get strong in the Lord and fit  
for the journey.**

**Jesus warned...**



## **Matthew 24: 3-14**

<sup>3</sup>As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”

## **Matthew 24: 3-14**

Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. <sup>5</sup> For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many. <sup>6</sup> You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed.

## **Matthew 24: 3-14**

Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. <sup>7</sup> Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup> All these are the beginning of birth pains.

## **Matthew 24: 3-14**

“Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. <sup>10</sup> At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, <sup>11</sup> and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.

## Matthew 24: 3-14

Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, <sup>13</sup> ***but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.*** <sup>14</sup> ***And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.***

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Old Testament Examples:

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Naaman Shows us...

## 2 Kings 5:1-ff

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, **but he had leprosy.**<sup>fn</sup>



## **2 Kings 5: 1-3**

Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had **taken captive a young girl** from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "**If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.**"

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Elisha Shows us...

## **2 Kings 6:8-ff**

Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, “I will set up my camp in such and such a place.”

## **2Kings 6:15**

When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?” the servant asked.

## **2Kings 6:15**

“Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered.

“Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

## **2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

<sup>6</sup>Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup>**So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.**

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Jesus Shows us... Luke 22-23

## **Luke 23:46**

Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”<sup>fn</sup> When he had said this, he breathed his last.



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Who's in Control?

Be a follower of Jesus.

***Decisions in the face of relentless evil:***

1. I choose to believe and exercise trust in God and His Word.
2. I recognise that no matter how bad things get Jesus Loves Me, nothing can separate me from His love.
3. Its important that I do not quit. Because there is a reward coming and I live with that expectation from God; God has prepared a place for me away from this earths temporal evil craziness.