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**Discipleship 101 in Turbulent Times:
Part 4– “Look to the Word of God”**
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Our Mission: Develop fully committed followers of Christ

Seventh-day Adventists are a prophetic movement raised up by God to make disciples who are prepared and are preparing others for Jesus’ soon return.

Key Scriptural Ideas in this sermon:

1. Jesus is the Faithful and True Word of God. We can count on Him for He never fails.
2. Jesus, the Word of God, is the _____ Bride’s Groom who makes good on His promise to take His bride to His Father’s house.
3. In Revelation 19 are several possible allusions to Jesus’ time of trouble in Gethsemane.
4. We will be victorious over life, our trials and Satan, the same way Jesus was. By _____ on the Words of God revealed in the Bible.
5. As we journey through our own times of trouble on the way to heaven, we must overcome as Jesus and the Patriarch Jacob did--through the experience of prayerfully wrestling with God.
6. Ultimate victory will come only through the _____ practice of prevailing prayer.
7. End time disciples will succeed in their mission of preparing the way for Jesus to come by desperately clinging to God; pleading for His _____ .

SERMON SCRIPTURES: Revelation 19:6-16 (bride and Groom); John 14:1-3 (Groom’s promise to return); Isaiah 63:1-6 (OT warrior king); John 1:1-3, 14 (Word became human); Luke 22:39-46 (Jesus night of trouble in Gethsemane); Genesis 32 (Jacob’s time of trouble)

Speaking of the final onslaught of Satan before Jesus returns, Ellen White gave this strong admonition: Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures and who have received the love of the truth will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive. By the Bible testimony these will detect the deceiver in his disguise. To all the testing time will come. By the sifting of temptation the genuine Christian will be revealed. Are the people of God now so firmly established upon His word that they would not yield to the evidence of their senses? Would they, in such a crisis, cling to the Bible and the Bible only? Satan will, if possible, prevent them from obtaining a preparation to stand in that day. He will so arrange affairs as to hedge up their way, _____ them with earthly treasures, cause them to carry a heavy, wearisome burden, that their hearts may be overcharged with the cares of this life and the day of trial may come upon them as a thief. Ellen White, Great Controversy, pp 625, 626

Regarding the last day time of trouble, similar to Jacob’s, Ellen White wrote: God’s love for his children during the period of their severest trial is as strong and tender as in the days of their sunniest prosperity. . . . The season of distress and anguish before us will require a faith that can endure weariness, delay, and hunger—a faith that will not faint though severely tried. The period of probation is granted to all to prepare for that time. Jacob prevailed because he was persevering and determined. His victory is an evidence of the power of importunate prayer. All who will lay hold of God’s promises, as he did, and be as earnest and persevering as he was, will _____ as he succeeded. Those who are unwilling to deny self, to agonize before God to pray long and earnestly for His blessing, will not obtain it. Great Controversy, p. 621