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LOOKING UP - 6

1. Hello, listening friends.  
亲爱的朋友，你好。
2. We are very happy that you tuned in to this broadcast.  
我们非常高兴你收听这个节目。
3. If you are a person who is often intimidated or fearful,  
如果你是一个很容易受惊恐，常常感到害怕的人，
4. I want you to stay tuned,  
我希望你能留下来继续听节目，
5. because the Lord has a word for you today.  
因为今天神要对你说话。
6. The definition of intimidation is “to inspire with fear in order to influence change;”  
威胁的意思是指“用恐吓来影响他人”；
7. but I want to tell you something about intimidation in the spiritual realm.  
让我来谈一谈属灵领域里的威胁。
8. Satan uses intimidation all the time with all believers.  
撒但每时每刻都在威胁信徒。
9. Satan uses intimidation in order to silence believers;  
撒但威胁信徒是为了要他们闭口；
10. and all of us have been a subject of Satan’s tactics of intimidation at one time or another,  
我们都曾被撒但狡猾的手法威胁过，
11. because fear and intimidation are among Satan’s major weapons in order to discourage believers.  
因为威胁和恐吓是撒但让信徒气馁的主要武器。
12. Fear and intimidation are Satan’s weapon to render believers totally ineffective for God;  
威胁和恐吓是来自撒但的攻击，致使信徒完全不能有效地为神而活；
13. yet, in reality, Satan’s weapons of fear and intimidation are psychological and they have no power.  
事实上，撒但的威胁和恐吓，只不过是心理上的，并没有能力。
14. The only power that fear has over you  
恐吓唯一能对你起作用的，
15. is the power that you give Satan to have over you.  
是你给予撒但机会来压倒你。
16. I want you to please listen very carefully to this illustration.  
请你留意，
17. If you don’t listen carefully, you might miss the point;  
如果你不够专心，可能会错过这个要点；
18. so concentrate with me, please, for a minute.  
请你聚精会神地听我说。
19. A study was conducted some time ago.  
在早些时候做过一项研究，
20. This study was done on the chimpanzee and it produced some fascinating results.  
这是对黑猩猩进行的研究，其结果很有趣。
21. Animal behavioral scientists decided to spend some time with the chimpanzee community;  
研究动物行为学的科学家决定和黑猩猩生活一段时间；
22. and they observed that the leadership of certain chimpanzee communities could change quickly.  
他们观察到，黑猩猩群落的领导权可以很快地被替换。
23. One such change resulted from the dramatic bluff by a monkey from the lowest level of the colony.  
其中的一次的替换，是由猴子群中一只最低阶层的猴子，以戏剧性虚张声势的动作引起的。
24. This is how it worked:  
事情是这样的：



53. Godly King Hezekiah was fearful and cried to the Lord.  
敬畏神的希西家王曾因恐惧向神呼求。
54. Job cursed the day that he was born;  
约伯曾咒诅自己的生日；
55. and the Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, was a Man of sorrow and acquainted with grief.  
主耶稣基督，祂自己就是多受痛苦，常经忧患的人。
56. In Acts 18, you see the Apostle Paul arriving in Corinth.  
使徒行传 18 章记载，使徒保罗抵达了哥林多。
57. He came from Athens to Corinth.  
他从雅典来到哥林多。
58. He left one city that was full of intellectual and philosophical pride,  
他刚离开了那个充斥着骄傲的城市，他们以自己哲学和知识的成就自豪，
59. and went to a city that was full of pride for their immorality.  
现在来到了一个以道德败坏著称，而狂妄自大的城市。
60. This was a tough assignment, but God sent him there anyway.  
这是一个很艰巨的任务，但是神还是差遣他去到了那里。
61. I want to tell you something very important about the city of Corinth.  
我想先讲讲哥林多城的一些重要的背景。
62. Corinth was one of the great commercial centers of the Roman Empire.  
哥林多是罗马帝国的一个庞大的商业中心，
63. Corinth was also the center of wickedness and pagan worship.  
也是邪恶和异教崇拜的中心。
64. One temple was filled with 1,000 temple prostitutes.  
一个庙宇里就有 1000 个左右的庙妓。
65. Now, you understand the fear that gripped the Apostle Paul when he landed in this city.  
现在，你明白为什么使徒保罗抵达这个城市时会感到恐惧了。
66. My listening friends, please listen carefully.  
亲爱的朋友，请留心听我说。
67. I want to share some good news with you today.  
今天我想跟你分享一些好消息。
68. In the times of fear, God does not leave you alone.  
在你害怕的时候，神没有让你单独面对。
69. In the times of discouragement, God does not abandon you.  
在你沮丧的时候，神没有抛弃你。
70. In times of loneliness, God reveals Himself to you.  
在你孤独的时候，神会向你显现。
71. Look at the Book of Acts again, Chapter 18, verses 1 to 17.  
让我们再来看使徒行传 18 章 1 到 17 节。
72. I want to tell you about four things that God did with Paul in order to encourage His faithful servant.  
我们看到神从四个方面来鼓励祂忠心的仆人保罗。
73. First, He provided him with godly friends,  
首先，他为保罗预备敬畏神的朋友，
74. verses 2 to 4.  
在 2 到 4 节。
75. Secondly, God blessed him with fruit for his labor,  
第二，神赐福他，给他耕耘的果效，
76. verses 5 to 8.  
在 5 到 8 节。
77. Thirdly, God fellowshiped with him in a special way,  
第三，神以一种特别的方式与他同行，
78. verses 9 to 11;  
在 9 到 11 节。
79. and, then, fourthly, God caused the frustration of the enemy's plan,  
第四，神让敌人的计划受挫，
80. verses 12 to 17.  
在 12 到 17 节。
81. Look at the first point.  
现在来看第一点。
82. In times of fear, the faithful child of God is never alone.  
身为神忠心的儿女，在面对恐惧的时候，你不孤单。
83. Look at verses 2 to 3.  
请看 2 到 3 节。

84. There is one thing you must never do in times of fear,  
在你害怕的时候，有一件事要避免，
85. and that is to lock yourself up.  
那就是将自己封闭起来。
86. You should never isolate yourself.  
你不要让自己孤立。
87. You must never cut yourself out of Christian fellowship;  
你不要让自己脱离和基督徒朋友的来往；
88. so God provided the Apostle Paul with a godly couple.  
所以，神为保罗预备了一对敬畏神的夫妇成为他的朋友。
89. Aquila and Priscilla were God's gift to Paul's burden of responsibility.  
亚居拉和百基拉是神给保罗的礼物，为保罗分担重担的。
90. They were a provision of love to His faithful servant;  
他们对神忠心的仆人提供爱心帮助；
91. and, let me tell you, my listening friend,  
亲爱的朋友，听我说，
92. if the Apostle Paul needed someone to walk with him in times of discouragement and fear, you and I need it as well.  
如果保罗在恐惧和沮丧的时候，都需要有人陪伴他的话，你和我则更需要了。
93. Aquila and Priscilla were not ordinary friends.  
亚居拉和百基拉不仅是普通朋友，
94. They were incredible friends.  
他们是非常难得的良朋益友。
95. In the Book of Romans, Chapter 16, verses 3 and 4,  
在罗马书 16 章的 3 到 4 节，
96. Paul tells us that they were ready to give up their lives for him,  
保罗告诉我们，他们愿意为保罗将自己的生命置之度外，
97. so you can understand what kind of friends they were.  
这样，你就明白他们是怎样的朋友了。
98. The God of comfort met the needs of His discouraged servant,  
神的安慰临到了处于沮丧中，祂的仆人，
99. not only by giving him new friends who were ready to risk their lives for him,  
不仅预备了肯为他舍命的朋友，
100. but he sent his old friends, Silas and Timothy, from Macedonia.  
而且还从马其顿，把他的老朋友西拉和提摩太带来。
101. My listening friends, please listen to what I'm going to tell you.  
亲爱的朋友，请留心听我说。
102. When you are faithful to God,  
你对神忠心，
103. He will minister to you in your times of discouragement.  
祂就会在你沮丧时扶持你。
104. When your desire is to honor God,  
你渴望荣耀神，
105. He will provide for your every need.  
祂就会为你预备一切。
106. When your life's goal is to serve the living God,  
若你生活的目标就是要服侍这位真神，
107. He will always send a godly friend to minister to you.  
祂就会差派敬畏神的朋友来帮助你。
108. God not only provided the Apostle Paul with two godly friends to walk with him,  
神不仅为保罗预备了两位敬畏神的朋友与他为伴，
109. but, secondly, God blessed the Apostle Paul with fruit for his labor.  
第二，神还赐福保罗，让他有耕耘的果效。
110. Most of us would surely get discouraged when we worked long and hard and don't see fruit for our labor;  
我们大多数人，在付出了艰巨的努力却见不到耕耘的果效时，肯定会感到沮丧；
111. and Paul worked long and hard in Corinth.  
保罗长期在哥林多辛勤工作。
112. He spent hours in the synagogues persuading people,  
他花很多时间在犹太人的会堂中劝导百姓，

113. persuading them to understand that the Lord Jesus Christ, who appeared to him on the road to Damascus,  
想让他们也来了解，那位在大马士革的路上向他显现的主耶稣基督，

114. the One who was crucified and rose again,  
那位被钉十字架又从死里复活的主，

115. is no other than the Messiah Himself;  
祂正是那位弥赛亚；

116. and he was proving this to them from Scripture.  
保罗用经文向人们证明这一切。

117. He worked long and hard, but it appeared that nothing was happening;  
他辛勤耕耘，却似乎一无所获；

118. but, once the Apostle Paul recognized that he is throwing pearls before swine,  
一旦保罗发觉他是将珍珠丢在猪前，枉费心机，

119. he got up and shook the dust off his feet.  
他站起身来，跺掉脚上的尘土。

120. This is a very dramatic form of rejection;  
这是非常有戏剧效果的动作，表示划清界限；

121. and that's what Paul is doing with the religious leaders in the synagogue,  
保罗在会堂的宗教领袖面前就是这么做的，

122. as if to say to them, "Your rejection of the Messiah is such a blasphemy that I want nothing of it to stick to me."  
似乎要告诉他们：“你们拒绝弥赛亚是非常亵渎的行为，我绝不参与，这一切与我无干。”

123. Paul was faithful in delivering the message;  
保罗很忠心地将神的信息传递给他们；

124. but they are now responsible for their rejection.  
而他们要为自己拒绝基督而付上代价。

125. God wants to encourage His servant;  
神想鼓励他的仆人；

126. and God is so concerned with all the details of His faithful servant, the Apostle Paul.  
也非常关心祂忠心的仆人保罗的方方面面。

127. God knew a fruit for his labor would encourage him,  
神知道一个经耕耘而得的果实能鼓励他，

128. so here's what the Bible said in verse 8:  
圣经在第八节这样说：

129. Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, and with all his household.  
管会堂的基利司布和他的全家，都信了主。

130. Paul's effort appeared to be fruitless, but it was not so.  
保罗的努力似乎要一无所获，但最终并非如此。

131. In fact, the conversion of the leader of the synagogue created such havoc that the Corinthians wanted Paul to be silenced;  
事实上，那位管会堂的信主产生了相当大的震动，以至于哥林多人想叫保罗闭口，不再传讲耶稣；

132. but, for the encouragement of Paul, God gave him this man and his family to come to Christ,  
为了鼓励保罗，神让他将这人和他全家人带到基督面前，

133. so God not only sends faithful friends,  
神不仅为他预备忠心的朋友，

134. not only gives him fruit for his labor,  
赐给他耕耘的果实，

135. but, thirdly, God personally fellowships with him in the times of fear and discouragement.  
而且第三，还在保罗害怕，沮丧的时候，亲自与他同行。

136. God wanted to encourage Paul at the highest level,  
神要在最高的层面上鼓励保罗，

137. so the Lord Jesus personally comes to him in a vision;  
因此主耶稣亲自向他显现；

138. and He said to him, "Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and don't be silent."  
并对他说：“不要怕，只管讲，不要闭口。”

139. If Paul was struggling in his mind  
如果保罗心里正在挣扎犹疑，

140. whether he is in Corinth according to the will of God or not,  
他到哥林多来是不是符合神的旨意，

141. the Lord Jesus appears to Paul and tells him five things.

主耶稣向保罗显现，至少告诉他有五点。

142. Number one, "Don't be afraid."

第一，“不要害怕。”

143. Secondly, "Go on speaking."

第二，“继续传讲。”

144. Thirdly, "I am with you."

第三，“我与你同在。”

145. Fourthly, "No man will attack you or harm you."

第四，“没有人能下手害你。”

146. Fifthly, "There are many people in this city that are to be won for Me."

第五，“这城中有许多百姓将会归向我。”

147. Have you ever stood for the Gospel and been attacked for your faithfulness?

你曾经因为捍卫福音和忠心的缘故而被攻击吗？

148. Then you will understand the incredible joy that came upon the Apostle Paul's heart.

那么，你就能理解保罗心中所产生那种奇妙的喜乐。

149. In the times of fears and discouragement in my life, I have heard the precious voice of the Lord.

在我害怕，沮丧的时候，也曾听到过主宝贵的话语。

150. He spoke to my heart so clearly that I could never doubt it.

祂的话语清晰地进入我的心里，使我丝毫没有怀疑。

151. God not only provides you godly friends in times of fear and discouragement,

在你恐惧和沮丧的时候，神会为你预备敬畏神的朋友，

152. God not only gives you fruit for your labor,神会赐给你耕耘的果实，

153. God not only fellowships with you personally,神会亲自地与你同行，

154. but, fourthly, God frustrates the enemy on your behalf.

第四，神还会替你阻挡敌人。

155. Paul's opponents tried to intimidate him and stop him from preaching;

保罗的敌人试图恐吓，并阻止他传讲福音；

156. but, when that did not work, they dragged him into court.

当看到这些都不起作用的时候，他们又拉他上了公堂。

157. The people were hoping that the proconsul, Gallio, would rule against the preaching of the Gospel;

这些人希望地方总督迦流能够以法律行动制止福音的传讲；

158. but, my listening friends, when you are faithful to God,

亲爱的朋友，当你对神忠心的时候，

159. even your enemies will be on your side;你的敌人都会站在你这边；

160. and so instead of having a landmark decision for the Roman Empire,

迦流非但没有替罗马帝国作出划时代的判决，

161. the proconsul said, "Case dismissed."这位总督说：“销案，审讯无效。”

162. When you are faithful to God, your enemy's plan will be frustrated.

你对神忠心，你敌人的计划都会落空。

163. When you are faithful to God, God promised never to leave you, nor forsake you.

你对神忠心，神应许你，祂永不会离弃你。

164. Until we meet again, I wish you God's richest blessing.

愿神大大地赐福给你，下次节目再会！