

HOLD ON

Revelation 3:11 I am coming quickly! Hold on to what you have, so that no one may take your crown.

● Overview -

- American Christians have been through some uncertain times and the only thing that we can say for certain about America is that nothing is certain. We don't know what tomorrow holds but as children of God we know who holds tomorrow.
- When everything is shaken, only that which cannot be shaken will remain. Christians need to be unmoved in this hour. We cannot be filled with fear over uncertainty and we cannot relax our grip because the people around us are crying out peace and safety.
- When driver of airplane or vehicle says hold on, people usually pay attention.
 - God is telling his people to hold on! The people around us who sit in darkness are looking for confident hopeful faith. We cannot be an example of an unshakeable God when we are struggling to hold on
- When rock climbing with others, "working together" primarily means relying on your partner for safety by belaying, communicating clearly about the climb, and coordinating movements to navigate challenging sections, ultimately building trust and teamwork through a shared experience of overcoming obstacles together
 - *Revelation 3:11]Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown*
 - **Hold Fast**, The verb "krateó" primarily conveys the idea of taking hold of something with strength or power.
 - Do you have more power holding on to something with one hand or two?
 - Hold on, definition is with strength/power we need to get a grip and use both hands.
 - For too long we have held on loosely to God with one hand and our other hand is free to do whatever.
 - I believe God is telling his people to grab a hold with both hands, grab a hold of God with all of our strength, letting go of other things if we need. To

- Hold On, Put something under control.
- To control or have a firm grasp of what you are holding on to.
 - to place under one's grasp (seize hold of, put under control)
 - Get control of your faith, get control of yourself, get control of your doubts, get control of your fears.
- Get a Grip
 - We usually say this when someone is having trouble accepting reality
 - What reality are you and I living in. Are we living with a worldly, pessimistic mindset, Are we carrying around our past, shame and failures, are we wondering who we are, acting like lost sheep or orphans.
 - Get a grip on reality, you are chosen, you are priests unto God, you are ambassadors, you carry authority, you are here on mission representing your king, you are a child of God act like it. Get a grip, Hold on!
- Stand Fast
 - *Philipians 4 Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.*
 - *Galatians 5:1 Stand[[a](#)] fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.*
 - To stand strongly, stand firmly, persevere
- Hold on, Stand firmly both require awareness and effort
 - You have to be aware of the need to be firm and hold on with power
 - You have to put forth effort, spread your legs get low, prepare for impact, drop what you are holding and grab a hold of something with all of your potential strength.

● **Brace Yourself**

- When people climb large mountains, they usually tie ropes to anchors and to each other.
- If you are going to anchor in to something you'll need to be certain of what you are trusting..
- You don't want to anchor into something that won't hold your weight
 - Be careful what you rely on, make sure it's not your own reasoning, your own perspectives.
 - Delusion, Self Deception
 - Realize that we can deceive ourselves into believing a lot of things

- Placebo is a fake medicine given to people when a company is trying to figure out if the real medicine is working. It's fake but the people take it and believe in it so much that they hype themselves into thinking that they are feeling better
- *Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?*
- Spirit of this age
 - Our culture is built/designed to deceive us.
 - *Ephesians 2:1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the [a]course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,*
 - We're surrounded by sons of disobedience in whom the prince of the power of the air works
 - *2 Corinthians 2:4 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded,*
- Brace yourself, gird up the loins of your mind
 - When you know something heavy is going to hit you, you can prepare for it. When you aren't paying attention and it hits you that's when you are knocked off of your feet. Being prepared changes how you stand, what you can handle.
- Gird Yourself - <https://biblehub.com/greek/4024.htm>
 - *1 Peter 1:13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;*
 - **Gird/prepare** I gird up, brace up (with a view to active exertion); a metaphor from the girding of the flowing tunic, to prevent its hampering one in active work.
 - **Loins/Strength** The Greek word "osphus" refers to the loins or the waist area of the human body. In biblical usage, it often symbolizes strength, procreation, and readiness for action. The loins are considered the seat of physical strength and vitality,
 - **Mind** The Greek word "dianoia" refers to the mind or intellect, encompassing the faculties of understanding, reasoning, and thought. It is often used to describe the inner workings of the mind, including intentions, purposes, and the capacity for moral reasoning

● Hold On To Gods Word

- Anchor into God's word
- There was a person years ago when he would talk about God, Jesus, church he would say "The pastor says..."
- We're going to need to hold on to Gods word, in order to do that we will need to know God's word.
 - *Jeremiah 17:5 "Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his [b]strength, Whose heart departs from the Lord. 6 For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, And shall not see when good comes, But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, In a salt land which is not inhabited. 7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord. 8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not [c]fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.*
 - Those that trust in the lord...how do you trust in the lord without knowing God's word.
 - Faith comes by hearing, hearing by the word of God
 - *Romans 10:15 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

● Hold On To Each Other

- When you climb, you not only need to check your equipment, make sure you are anchored into something solid but you should also make sure you can trust those you're climbing with.
- In the coming years. We're going to need each other like never before
 - *Hebrews 10:25 24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*
 - **Consider**
 - **Definition:** To observe, consider, perceive, understand
 - **Meaning:** I take note of, perceive, consider carefully, discern, detect, make account of.
 - **Forsaking**
 - **Definition:** To forsake, abandon, leave behind, desert
 - **Meaning:** I leave in the lurch, abandon (one who is in straits), desert.

- Manner is Habit
- Don't make a habit of forsaking or abandoning, leaving people in a lurch
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- Your anchor, your ability to be secure directly effects those who are climbing next to you.
- When you climb a mountain, you are tied to the other person who is climbing, That way if you fall, their anchor and their strength can catch you both

● **Prepare yourself**

- Prepare to meet thy God
 - *Amos 4:12 Prepare to meet your God, O Israel!"*
 - To establish, prepare, make firm, set up, fix, direct
- sanctify yourselves
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- Prepare for a fight,
- weapons of warfare are not carnal, we need to become experienced in fighting spiritual battles.
 - *2 Corinthians 10:4 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not [[a](#)]carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,*
 - *Isaiah 54:17 No weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD and their vindication from me, declares the LORD."*
 - *Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*