

“Forging Harmony”

1 Peter 3:13a

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VIDEO 1: *“Frog In The Pot”*

INTRO:

- ~ Friends, the world at large is that frog in the pot!
- ~ Wars... Perversions... God-hating... God-defying...
- ~ Please... **WAKE UP! The water’s about to boil!**
 - **Do you identify with the metaphor?**
 - What is the boiling water? *Christ’s return!*
- ~ **Internationally, nationally, locally, personally...**
 - Today there are **over... 3000+ U.U.P.G.’s**
 - **IMB’s “Great Pursuit” = 0 in 5 years!**

PRAYER

CONTEXT:

- ~ 1 Peter
- ~ God’s promises
- ~ Israel’s challenges
- ~ The Church’s confidence
- ~ 1 Peter 3:12... before and after

BIG IDEA: Hard times are tests and opportunities to forge holy harmony!

PREVIEW:

1. Perspective
2. Promise
3. Power

TEXT:

1 Peter 13a

8Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. 9Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. 10For“Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; 11let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. 12For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

13 *And/Now who is there to harm you*

I. Forged **PERSPECTIVE**

And/Now who is there to harm you

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|---|----------------------------|
| A. Rhetorical! | GOD |
| B. Global? | Devil |
| C. Cultural? | Battle |
| D. Biblical? | TRUTH |
| E. Missional? | Trials and Testing! |
| F. Personal? <i>(Frog in the pot or rhino on the charge?)</i> | |



Psalm 34:1-3

1I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.

3Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

VIDEO 2: *“Mac’s First Israel Trip”*

The 5th Gospel’s fights have always helped
to forge the family’s faith & holy harmony!

II. Forged **PROMISE**

And/Now who is there to harm you

If you don't know and believe God's promises for tomorrow, you won't know His harmony today.

VIDEO 3: *"Israel's Role In End Times"*

Missional trials & personal testing have always been an intentional & biblical part of God's eternal timeline!

Psalm 34:8-9

8Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! **9**Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing!

Come and see!

VIDEO 4: *"End Times Timeline"*

From the Bible's cover to cover... and 1st Peter too!

VIDEO 5: *"Mac On End Times"*

III. Forged **POWER**

And/Now who is there to harm you

Do you realize that while Christians can be hurt,
we can't be harmed?

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

20 He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.

Forged harmony is faithful harmony!

VIDEO 6: *"History Channel On End Times"*

(cf. **1 Thessalonians 4:16-18** & **Revelation 3:10**)

Psalm 34:21-22

21 Affliction will slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

22 The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Forged harmony is FOREVER harmony!

VIDEO 7: *"God Uses Gospel Quakes"*

REVIEW:

1. Forging **PERSPECTIVE**
2. Forging **PROMISE**
3. Forging **POWER**

CLOSE:

Hard times are tests and opportunities to forge holy harmony!

Fear NOT!

(Fear fights against God's forging of faith & family harmony.)

2 Thessalonians 1:6-9

6...after all it is *only* just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, **7**and *to give* relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, **8**dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. **9**These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

PRAYER

WORSHIP: *Counting My Blessings; God Is With Us; Confidence*