

# COMMENTARY

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## Minutemen at the Ready

Greetings, my fellow followers of Jesus the Christ!

I want to start this letter with a thank you for giving to this Ministry. We are doing the work that not many want to do, and your tithes/offerings/donations continue to enable us to do the work the Bible has commanded us to do: Thank You!

After traveling on vacation with my family 3,000 miles in 15 days (with three kids and a wife who would rather fly!) Father God has been speaking to me more about my character (who I am) rather than what I do; "Who am I?" as contrasted with, "What am I supposed to be doing?"

Often people ask me, "Pastor, what am I supposed to do?" Look, I've got to be honest with you; I have no idea what you're supposed to do. However, I do know what you are to be!

The Bible shows us very simply what you/me/we are to be. Micah 6:8 says, "No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what He requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." It is better for me to know what I am to be, even if I might not be sure about what to do.

Holy Spirit has been given as a Gift to you, and me, and those that keep Jesus as their Lord. What a relief to not have to have everything planned out and set up in advance! We can continue each day on Earth living in

the freedom that God has set up on our behalf.

We must be ready for when He calls, however. This is where the Minute Men come in: who were they?

Minutemen were American Revolution militiamen who were trained to respond to military threats at a moment's notice. They were a unit of the New England colonial militia and were among the first to fight in the war. The term "Minuteman" comes from their ability to be armed and ready to fight in a minute.

These soldiers were normal everyday men, mostly farmers, they weren't trained and equipped soldiers. However, the sheer number of them and how ready they could be at a moment's notice made them formidable adversaries. It also helped that the men were fighting for what they loved; their land, their home, their family, and the idea of a new country, a free country!

This is how I see the body of Christ. We need to be trained, we need to be armed, and we also need to know what the call to action sounds like. We need to be Christians at the Ready!

I don't believe God is looking for generals, I don't think He's looking for warriors, He's looking for people that would be on this Earth in a peaceful way, a loving way, but at the ready. Ready to move and go and react to the sound of His trumpet. That trumpet, that sound, is the Spirit's voice. What does God want me to be? Ready!

Here's a thought provoking quote, referring to an older time: "When the freedom they wished for most



Today, we need a nation of Minutemen, citizens who are not only prepared to take arms, but citizens who regard the preservation of freedom as the basic purpose of their daily life and who are willing to consciously work and sacrifice for that freedom.

John F. Kennedy

Suffering teaches us only that we suffer. Joy shows us which way to go.

Mason Cooley

(Of David) Blessed be the Lord, my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle;

Psalms 144:1

If you're gonna fight, fight like you're the 3rd monkey on the ramp of Noah's Ark and it's starting to rain.

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the Crown of Life, which God has promised to those who love Him.

James 1:12

The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is His name.

Exodus 15:3

## *The One that knows you most, loves you best.*

was freedom from responsibility,  
then Athens ceased to be free  
and was never free again.”

(Edith Hamilton)

Worth thinking about for our times!

Jesus promised us in John  
14:15-17, “If you love Me, obey My  
commandments. And I will ask the  
Father, and He will give you another  
Advocate, Who will never leave you.  
He is the Holy Spirit, Who leads into  
all truth.”

Truth should be what we desire  
in our lives, that I would be led by the  
truth. Not my truth, or your truth or  
even a truth. Truth is not subjective.  
Should I take this job? Where should  
I move? What should I do? Those  
questions don't need to be answered  
again. My focus is now, What am I  
supposed to be? Do now that which  
is right.

- How do I know what is right? The  
Bible gives us specific instructions  
on how to live.

- Love mercy, meaning I'm looking  
to have mercy flow on everyone I  
come in contact with (including kids  
in a car for hours and hours!).

- Walk humbly with your God -  
walking humbly means I realize that  
what I desire is not always the best  
thing for me. Walking humbly means  
that what I first think or know may be  
true and useful, but talk to the Father  
about it, really, and listen! Humble is  
complete submission to the One we  
are in submission to.

Now that we know God and have  
a personal relationship with Him, it's  
obvious He knows a better solution  
to my life than I do. The One that  
knows you most, loves you best.

This Commentary may not apply  
to you directly - if it does not, then  
does it for those you know in your  
life that are worried about what to  
do? Now you are armed with

knowledge to administer at the ready.

Not only are we at the ready to fight  
in a minute over our own lives but we are  
at the ready to fight for the rest of the  
body of Christ.

God is showing me that I've been far  
too concerned in the past with what I'm  
doing, rather than what I am being.  
When we focus our attention on what I  
am to be, rather than what I am to do, it  
makes us Minutemen and Minutewomen  
that are ready to jump into action at a  
moment's notice.

One more thought; the Minutemen  
weren't just the young strong guys who  
had powder, ball, and a musket! They  
had trained together, they studied  
tactics, they knew their leaders, the  
knew the local terrain, they knew the  
commands, etc. “What we prepare for is  
what we shall get.” (WG Summer)

God has placed Holy Spirit in us to  
be that Sound that goes off when it is  
time to jump into action. This is where  
God has me today - is He speaking the  
same things to you? I would love to hear  
from you, how your walk is going, how  
God has touched your life.

Thank you for reading my heart  
today, I'll speak to you again soon,

*Aaron*

(On wondering, “What do I do?”)

At the tail end of Pat Buchanan's  
faltering presidential campaign,  
some of his remaining staff rushed up  
to him, asking what they should do!  
He said, “Don't wait for orders from  
headquarters! Mount up and ride  
toward the sound of the guns!”

Have I not commanded you?

Be strong and courageous.

Do not be frightened,

and do not be dismayed,

for the Lord your God is with you

wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

We make men without chests

and expect from them

virtue and enterprise.

We laugh at honor and are shocked

to find traitors in our midst.

C.S. Lewis, *The Abolition of Man*

The truth is like a lion;

you don't have to defend it.

Let it loose; it will defend itself.

Augustine

You need to be moving if you want God  
to show you which way to go.

Joyce Meyer

All the great things are simple,

and many can be expressed

in a single word: freedom, justice,

honor, duty, mercy, hope.

Winston Churchill

I am a Soldier,

I fight where I am told,

and I win where I fight.

George S. Patton

I have fought the good fight.

I have completed the race.

I have kept the faith.

Paul, 2 Tim 4:7,8