

# Against the Odds pt. 6

## Final Thoughts - 11/19/2023

### I. \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR SPIRITUAL \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13a NLT

<sup>12</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. <sup>13a</sup> Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work.

#### Acts 20:28 NLT

"So guard yourselves and God's people. Feed and shepherd God's flock—his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders.

#### Ephesians 4:11-12 NLT

<sup>11</sup> Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. <sup>12</sup> Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

### II. \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:13b-15 NLT

<sup>13b</sup> And live peacefully with each other. <sup>14</sup> Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone. <sup>15</sup> See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people.

### III. PERSONAL \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NLT

<sup>16</sup> Always be joyful. <sup>17</sup> Never stop praying. <sup>18</sup> Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

#### Romans 8:18 NLT

Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.

### IV. \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 NLT

<sup>19</sup> Do not stifle the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not scoff at prophecies, <sup>21</sup> but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. <sup>22</sup> Stay away from every kind of evil.

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 NLT

<sup>23</sup> Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. <sup>24</sup> God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful.