

A dark, textured background, possibly a stone or concrete wall, with a large, dark cross on the left side. The cross is made of thick, dark bars. The background has a mottled appearance with various shades of brown, grey, and black, suggesting a rough, aged surface. The lighting is dramatic, with a bright spot on the right side, creating a strong contrast.

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PURSUIT:**
Wake Up!

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they WILL NOT escape.



Luke 18:8

***When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith
on the earth?***



Church, Wake Up!

- *Don't be deceived by the "good times."*
- *When we are deceived, we compromise.*



Church, Wake Up!

Luke 21:34-35

Watch out! Don't let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. Don't let that day catch you unaware, like a trap.



Church, Wake Up!

- *Don't be deceived by the "good times."*
- *When we are deceived, we compromise.*
- *Judgment is imminent.*



Church, Wake Up!

1 Thessalonians 5:2-3

The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.



Church, Wake Up!

1 Thessalonians 5:4-5

But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ YOU ARE all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not BELONG TO the night or to the darkness.



Wake Up To ...

- *Whose you are.*
- *Who you are.*



Wake Up To ...

1 Thessalonians 5:5-6

YOU ARE all sons of the light and sons of the day ...⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep ...



Wake Up To ...

1 Thessalonians 5:6-7

... but let us be alert and self-controlled. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night.



Live Courageously!

1 Thessalonians 5:8

But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.



Live Courageously!

- *Be clear in my thinking.*
- *Be courageous in my walk.*
- *Be diligent in my hope.*



Live Courageously!

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

