

A close-up photograph of a dark blue, heavily riveted metal door. A large horizontal bolt is visible across the center, and a padlock is attached to the door below it. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Set a guard, O Lord,  
over my mouth;

Keep watch over  
the door of my lips

Psalm 141:3

# **Finding Your LIFE**

**“ For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it”**

**Matthew 16:25**

**“ Hence, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come”**

**Hebrews 13:13-14**



# The Myth Of Security

Safety is only an illusion that blinds us to the reality of how unpredictable and dangerous this world is. We are led to believe that great faith brings unnatural risks – so it is better to remain uncommitted.

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**I again saw under the sun that the race is not to the swift, and the battle is not to the warriors, and neither is bread to the wise, nor wealth to the discerning, nor favor to men of ability; for time and chance overtake them all. Moreover, man does not know his time: like fish caught in a treacherous net, and birds trapped in a snare, so the sons of men are ensnared at an evil time when it suddenly falls on them”**

**Ecclesiastes 9:11-12**

# **The Fantasy Of A Safe Place**

- **Multiple times in their history, the Israelites turned to Egypt for rescue or safe haven (Numbers 14:4, Isaiah 30:1-5, Jeremiah 42:7-17).**
- **They were captivated by the mystique of a safe place with abundant food and no conflict. This desire paralyzed God's people and kept their focus away from His will.**

**“ If I perish, I perish.”**

**Esther 4:16**



**“ But even if He does not”**

**Daniel 3:16-18**

**“ Not knowing what will  
happen to me”**

**Acts 2:22-24**

# Be Prepared...

- To make some hard decisions, such as obeying the will of God over the will of your family (Luke 14:26).
- To confess Christ and His truth when surrounded and outnumbered by unbelievers (Matthew 10:32-33).
- To be ridiculed and labeled as a troublemaker, ignorant, or worse (Luke 6:22).
- To be excluded and lose friends (Luke 6:22).
- To lose some material or economic advantages (Luke 6:20-21).
- To gain tremendous strength, character, confidence, joy, happiness, contentment, wisdom, and in the end, eternal life (Luke 6:23).