

1. Intro

- a. GCA, BEST FACTS, Thank you!!!
- b. Today...

2. **Shellshocked!**

- a. **Heb. 13:8** - Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
- b. **2 Peter 3:9** - The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.
 - i. God is unfazed by the world and its patterns, God is unwilling that the lost would perish, & God is undeterred in His wonderful plan.

3. **God is unfazed by the world and its patterns.**

- a. **Spurgeon** - "What have you and I to do with the times, except to serve our God in them?"
- b. **2 Peter 3:3-8** - First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." 5But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. 6By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 7By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. 8But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.
- c. **2 Tim. 3:1-5** - But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God-- 5having a form of godliness but denying its power.
 - i. Hedonism.
 - ii. Skepticism - **GK** - the new rebel is a skeptic, and will not entirely trust anything ... the modern revolutionist doubts not only the institution he denounces, but the doctrine by which he denounces it ... In short, the modern revolutionist, being an infinite skeptic, is always engaged in undermining his own mines ... By rebelling against everything he has lost his right to rebel against anything.
 - iii. Scientism...
 - iv. Pluralism:
 - 1. **The Bible among the myths:** Ascription of personality to nature, nature over a transcendent Creator, cyclical view of reality, disconnect from time and space, a mystical view of events, disinterest in history, control and manipulate powers.

4. **God is unwilling that the lost would perish.**

- a. **2 Peter 3:9** - He is not willing that anyone would perish, but wants everyone to come to repentance.
- b. **1 Tim. 2:1-4** - I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- ²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.
- c. **Jn. 12:32-33** - But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

5. **God is undeterred in His wonderful plan.**

- a. Multiplying Christ-like multipliers.
- b. **Matt. 9:36-38** - When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."
- c. **Matt. 28:18-20** - Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
- d. **Acts 1:8** - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
- e. **Acts 17:26-27** - From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. ²⁷God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.

6. **Application:**

- a. One minute witness...

7. **Conclusion:**

- a. **Ps. 46:10** - "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
- b. **Ps. 47:8** - God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.
- c. God's plan for TCF.