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But how do I do what I know I must do?

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Some Promises of God During Troubling Times

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We have the idea that God is going to do some exceptional thing— that He is preparing and equipping us for some extraordinary work in the future.

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If we have God's assurance behind us, the most amazing strength becomes ours, and we learn to sing, glorifying Him even in the ordinary days and ways of life.

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