

Embrace Christ's Call to Witness



**John 4:28-35, Matthew 28:18-
20, 9:36-38**

- God is sounding the alarm for His church (the body of Christ), to arise up and reach out to our world that is entrenched in darkness.

A. What is the Biblical definition of the word “arise?”

- The word “arise” means to rise, to stand up, to be stirred up, to awake, to be in a state of readiness or to prepare for action (call to service).
- It is synonymous to the word to proceed, to come forth, to follow, to spring forward, to soar, to emerge, to grow, to come to light, and to develop.
- The word “arise” can also mean or indicate new seasons, increase, overflow, enlargement or expansion of territory. (Joshua 1:1-9)
- The Purpose: to teach us the significance of embracing Jesus Christ teaching and following His example as true disciples.
- The Goal: for every person to make Jesus Christ clear and visible to the world around them.
- The Spiritual Principles: Stewardship, Authority, Obedience, Unconditional Love, Agreement, Faith, Grace

B. In this series of messages, I want to accomplish four things and that is to encourage you, challenge you, equip you, and inspire you to rise up and reach out to the world around you with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

1. Jesus wants us to embrace His concern. (John 4:28-29)

- Jesus’ concern for the Samaritan woman was spiritual and eternal. The disciples’ concern was physical and temporal.
- (vs. 27) – “They marveled that He talked with a woman.”
- a. The Samaritan woman was widely viewed by society to be an outcast, unfit morally, talk of the town, and well-beneath their social standing.
- Jesus tore down the barriers that many held against her.
- b. It was her spiritual and eternal need that brought Jesus to that well in Samaria. (John 4:3-4)
- Jesus wasn’t concerned that she was the talk of the town, unfit morally, and that she was an outcast from society.

2. Jesus wants us to embrace every opportunity to witness. (John 4:28-29)
 - a. Jesus went where she was – in the city of Samaria at Jacob’s well. (John 4:3-4)
 - b. The Samaritan woman has an encounter with the True Messiah Jesus Christ, that changed her life eternally.
 - c. The change that Jesus Christ brought on the inside of this Samaritan woman’s life, was reflected in her attitude, actions and behavior. (vs. 28-29)
 - (vs. 28) – She leaves her water-pot behind.
 - (vs. 29) – She responds with excitement.
 - (vs. 39-41) – She shared her testimony.

3. Jesus wants His True followers to embrace His sense of urgency. (John 4:34-35)
 - a. There are four lessons that can be learned from Jesus action and response to His disciples? (John 4:32-33)
 - 1) Jesus always put the spiritual need of others above His own physical needs.
 - 2) Jesus refused to miss an opportunity bring others into His Kingdom.
 - 3) Jesus was committed to fulfilling the will of His Heavenly Father.
 - 4) Jesus knew that God expected Him to be faithful, obedient and persevere until the work of God was complete.
 - b. The disciples thought the earthly physical need was more urgent than the spiritual need of humanity (eternal life) (vs. 35). What was Jesus’ urgent message to His disciples?
 - 1) The harvest is ripe and ready.
 - 2) The responsibility will one day rest in the hands of every true believer. That time is now!
 - c. There are four things that Jesus needed from His disciples.
 - 1) To focus their attention on Him and His mission to reach the lost.
 - 2) To look for every opportunity to witness and not make excuses.
 - 3) To put His concern above their personal concerns.
 - 4) To be completely committed to the will God and not the will of men.

C. God strategically used the Pandemic to shut down and shake our world, politically, culturally, socially, financially, and economically. I believe one of the reasons was to remind the church and the world – “That without Me you can do nothing!” (John 15:4-5)

1. The problem was the church (believers) became less focus upon Jesus Christ.
2. The problem was the church (believers, called out ones) became less committed to Jesus Christ.
3. The problem was the church (believers, called out ones) became less thirsty and hungry for Christ.
 - We forgot that we are the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - We forgot the Jesus Christ is the True King in His Kingdom.
- a. Jesus Christ is the most important person in His Kingdom, not the pastor, prophet, evangelist, prophet or teacher.
 - The solution is having a personal relationship with the True King – Jesus Christ.

D. We have all been commissioned by Jesus Christ to take this gospel into the entire world for His name sake.

- In Romans 1:14-17, Apostle Paul says something in that I believe should stir all of our hearts.
 - There are Six things that describes Apostle Paul life, his witness, his relationship and his commitment to the Lord. (vs. 14-17)
1. Paul describes not only his dedication, but the obligation that he felt to share the gospel to all nations.
 2. Paul carried within him a sense of debt.
 3. Paul understood that the gospel that was entrusted to him by Jesus Christ.
 4. Apostle Paul says – “I am a debtor”. (vs. 14)
 5. Apostle Paul says – “I am ready” (vs. 15)
 6. Apostle Paul says – “I am not ashamed!” (vs. 16-17)