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Arise & Shine

Scripture Focus

Isaiah 60:1-3 (TVT) “Arise, shine, for your light has broken through! The Eternal One’s brilliance has dawned upon you. See truly; look carefully—darkness blankets the earth; people all over are cloaked in darkness. But God will rise and shine on you; the Eternal’s bright glory will shine on you, a light for all to see. Nations north and south, peoples east and west, will be drawn to your light, will find purpose and direction by your light. In the radiance of your rising, you will enlighten the leaders of nations.”

Micah 7: 8 (NIV) “Do not gloat over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light.

The Big Point

Arise like you have never had to before! Listening to the right voice. You must wake up to get up out of your adversity. You are loved, you are chosen. In the chaos, you can arise out of the dust. It’s time to Arise! #chosen #arise

Let’s Pray

Lord, thank you that when adversity hits, we have the name of Jesus to speak. Thank you that you love us, you want to hear from us and you give us hope. Help us to listen to your voice and believe we are who you say we are in Christ Jesus. Let us arise and live with faith, hope and love. In Jesus name we pray – Amen.

Discussion Items

When faced with Adversity we have three choices to make:

1. Let it DEFINE you.
 - a. Isaiah 26:13-14 “Lord our God, other lords besides you have ruled over us, but your name alone do we honor. They are now dead, they live no more their spirits do not rise. You punished them and brought them to ruin; you wiped out all memory of them.

2. Let it DESTROY you.
 - a. Jeremiah 15:18-19, 21 (AMPC) “Why has my pain been perpetual and my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you indeed be to me like a deceptive brook With water that is unreliable? Therefore, thus says the Lord, If you repent, then I will restore you so that you may stand before me; And if you separate the precious from the worthless, you will become My spokesman. Let the people turn to you but you, you must not turn to them..... “So I will rescue you out of the hand of the wicked, And I will redeem you from the [grasping] palm of the terrible and ruthless [tyrant].”

3. Arise and live STRENGTH to STRENGTH.
 - a. Psalms 84: 5-7 (AMP) “Blessed and greatly favored is the man whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. Passing through the Valley of Weeping, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with blessings. They go from strength to strength [increasing in victorious power]; each of them appears before God in Zion.

How to Arise.

1. Call on the name of Jesus! The name above every name.

2. Surround yourself with Faith, Hope & Love.
 - a. 1 Cor. 3:13 “their work will be shown for what it is, because the day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person’s work.”

3. Immerse yourself in the Word.
 - a. Proverbs 4:23 “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”
 - b. John 1:18 “No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and[a] is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.”

Discussion Questions:

1. How many of you or know someone who is haunted by something that happened to you?
2. When you are going through a struggle, it seems like everyone else knows how to deal with it and wants to tell you what to do. How do you discern who to listen to?
3. Have you ever been in a situation where you didn’t know how to pray or what to do? The words were just not there. What did you do?
4. Voice of lies vs. the voice of truth. How do we discern the truth from the lies?
5. What does it mean to you to surround yourself with Faith, Hope and love?
6. How do you experience God?

