

## Time to Wake Up and Stand Up

### I. Awake, Arise, Count it ALL Joy, No Human Eye Has Seen, The Eyes of the Lord

#### 1. Awake

Judg. 5:12 “**Awake, awake**, Deborah! **Awake, awake**, break out in a song! Arise, Barak,...

Rom. 13:11 Besides this you know the time, that **the hour has come for you to wake from sleep**. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. 12 The night is far gone; the day is at hand. ...

#### 2. Arise

Is. 60:1 **Arise**, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. 2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,

3. Count it all Joy FULLNESS OF JOY Rom 8.28

Jas 1:2 **Count it all** joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,

4. No Eye Has Seen UNLOCKED WISDOM

1Cor. 2:9 But, as it is written, “What **no eye** has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what **God** has **prepared** for those who love him”—

5. The Eyes of the Lord OPPORTUNITY for DELIVERANCE

2Chr. 16:9 For **the eyes of the LORD** run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him.

### II. Awake — It is Time!

NKJ 11 And *do* **this**, knowing the time, that now *it is* **high time to awake** out of sleep;

**NASB 11** Do **this**, knowing the time, that it is **already the hour** for you **to awaken** from sleep; for **now salvation is nearer** to us than when we believed. **12** The **night is almost gone**, and the **day is near**....

Time is limited, opportunity is brief. The time to heed and to obey is *now*. There is no time for apathy, complacency, or indifference.

**NLT 11** This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. **Wake up**, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. **12** The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here. So remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armor of right living. **13** Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don't participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy. **14** Instead, **clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ**. And don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires.

### LIGHT WAKES US UP

**Eph 5:13** But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, **14** for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "**Awake, O sleeper**, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." **Context** —> (8 For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ... **11** Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ... )

Sung as an **invitation to unbelievers** who might have been in the congregation... A summary of the gospel. **Awake, sleeper** - asleep in sin and unaware of his lost condition and tragic destiny. ... He will sleep ... unless someone awakens him to need. **Arise from the dead** is a summons to **repentance**, **Christ will shine on you** ... God gives a remedy

## **III. Sometimes it is Hard to Wake Up**

## A. Accepting Disappointment & Delay as Final

**John 5:1** After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

**2** Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called **Bethesda**, which has five roofed colonnades. **3** In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed.

**5** One man was there who had been an invalid for **thirty-eight years**. **6** When **Jesus saw** ...and **knew** that he had already been there a **long time, (1983!)** he said to him, **“Do you want to be healed?”**

**7** The sick man answered him, **“Sir, I have no one** to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going **another steps down before me.”**

**8** Jesus said to him, **“Get up, take up your bed, and walk.”** **9** And **at once** the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

## B. Situations That Seem Beyond Hope – Can't Imagine It.

**2 King 6** — Syrians invade & lay seige, **6:25** Great famine... **Don-heads and dove dung, women eating their babies.**

**7:1 This time tomorrow! Wheat and Barley**

**2** If the windows of Heaven Opened..... You'll see it but not eat it.

**3. 4 lepers...** the sound of horses and chariots, a great army.... **A GOOD REPORT**

## C. It Seems Naturally Impossible, Utterly Ridiculous

**Gen. 17:15** And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai ... Sarah shall be her name. **16** I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. ....”

**17** Then **Abraham fell on his face and laughed** and said to himself, “Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” **18** And Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might live before you!”

19 God said, “No, but **Sarah** your wife shall bear you a **son**, and you shall call his name **Isaac**. I will **establish my covenant** with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. ... 21 But **I will establish my covenant with Isaac**, whom Sarah shall bear to you at **this time next year.**”

Gen. 18:12 So **Sarah laughed** to herself, saying, “After I am **worn out**, and my lord is **old**, **shall I have pleasure?**” 13 The LORD said to Abraham, “**Why did Sarah laugh** and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’

14 ***Is anything too hard for the LORD?*** ... I will return to you, about ***this time*** next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

## IV. KNOW THE TIME — Anything is Possible

Hope WAKE US UP!

When WE ARE TEMPTED BY DELAY AND LIMITED FAITH

Is. 40:27 **Why do you say**, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”?

28 Have you **not known?** Have you **not heard?**

- The LORD is the **everlasting** God,
- the **Creator** of the ends of the earth.
- He **does not faint** or grow **weary**;
- his **understanding** is **unsearchable**.
- 29 He **gives power** to the faint, and to him who has no might he **increases strength**.

30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

31 but ***they who wait*** for the LORD shall **renew** their strength; they shall **mount up** with **wings like eagles**; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

**DELIVERANCE NEVER BEEN CLOSER; WAIT WITH EXPECTATION;**

Now it is *HIGH TIME* to awake! The hour is upon us! Suddenly, unexpectedly;  
Goodness and mercy are running after you;  
For the joy set before you — Jesus endured the Cross, despising the shame.  
When there is no one to help us and we have forgotten what hope is; GET READY to Stand up and take up our mat.  
When we are surrounded by bad news; no way out; GET READY — this time tomorrow  
When it's humanly impossible; ridiculous; GET READY — this time next year

## II. Arise in Gratitude, Awe and Faith

GRATITUDE DETOX: **We enter his gates with thanksgiving**

Gratitude bestows reverence, **allowing us to encounter every-day epiphanies**, those transcendent moments of awe that change forever how we experience life and the world.

—John Milton

Gratitude is an incredibly powerful emotion, one that's been linked to many physical and psychological benefits.

Benedictine monk David Steindl-Rast, "From experience we know that whenever we are **truly awake** and alive, we are also truly grateful." "Gratefulness makes us happy."

Gratitude overcomes "negativity bias." Teflon or Velcro?

**1 Cor 8:6** [For] us there is **one God, the Father, from** whom are all things and **for** whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, **through** whom are all things and **through** whom we exist.

CONCLUSION: AWAKE to the PROMISES