

WAKE UP AND GET BUSY LIVING

Opening Scripture Reading: *Ephesians 5:14-17*

Points To Ponder

- We must wake our faith up. It's easy to be passionate in profession of faith but asleep in the actions of our faith.
- To be asleep in your faith is akin to being dead.
- Faith is given to us in order for us to LIVE the Christian life.
- Faith is for LIVING not just BELIEVING. So faith has to leave the realm of your head and enter into the realm of your actions.

How To Get Busy Living Your Faith Out:

1. WAKE UP

- You have to wake your faith up beyond what you believe and wake up to WHO YOU ARE in Christ. (Galatians 4:1-7)
 - You are not a slave.
 - You are a son and daughter of the King.
 - You are an heir to God's kingdom.
 - God is no longer just creator and judge. He is your Father.
 - God is not keeping things from you. He wants you to share in His glory.
- Read Romans 8:12-17 and answer these questions:
 1. What is the difference of a slave mentality vs. a son/daughter mentality?
 2. Why is a slave mentality connected to fear?
 3. How does calling God Father put an end to fear?
 4. Do you see God as a sharing God or do you feel you have to earn it?

2. SHUT UP

- You cannot be busy living out your faith if you can't control your mouth. (Prov. 18:21)
 - Your mouth can bring you death. You can't live if your mouth is killing you.
 - Your words are more than words. They are fruit you eat.
- Read James 3 and answer the following questions:
 1. Explain how the tongue has so much control over your destiny?
 2. How would you equate your mouth and words to the bridle on a horse?
 3. If you had to create a menu from your words, what would be on the menu to eat?

3. STAND UP

- You have to learn how to stand on Truth rather than emotion if you want to get busy living your faith out. (Ephesians 6:10-18)
 - You can't be 'wishy washy' in your faith and live it at the same time.
 - You have to settle in your mind to stand on Truth and become immovable.
- Read Ephesians 6:10-18 and answer these questions:
 1. Why do you think Paul started this section with FINALLY!?
 2. What do you think is meant by 'the evil day'?
 3. Why is being clothed with armor important? What does this fact symbolize to you about the Christian's faith walk?
 4. Why do you think Paul says, "Having done all to do, STAND"? Why is standing your ground so important to your faith walk?

4. GROW UP

- To get busy living out your faith you ultimately have to grow up. Faith can grow. Salvation isn't just a one time experience at an altar. Because faith can grow it means salvation is an ongoing process. (1 Peter 2:1-3)
- Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-4 and answer these questions:
 1. Why does Paul address worldly issues with being an infant in Christ?
 2. What do you think is the biggest difference being adult faith and infant faith?
 3. Why is infant faith a dangerous place to reside for a long time?
 4. What would you think about someone save 10+ years but still acting like a baby in their faith? How would you feel about a 50 year old man acting like a 13 year old teen? Is there a different expectation then on Christians?

To get busy living your faith out: WAKE UP, SHUT UP, STAND UP, & GROW UP