

IT IS YOUR TIME, ARISE

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- Last week we heard that we were born for a time such as this, that we are living in the last days and God is moving all over the world
- We are part of God's Kingdom, called out of darkness into His marvellous light and we are His workmanship
- We need to keep on responding to the call of God
- We are part of a great generation that God has called to finish this last leg of the relay
- In Hebrews 11 we read of the heroes of faith that did great things for God and established God's Kingdom in an amazing way
- Those heroes of faith have done their part but they have passed on the batten to us
- We are living in the last days no matter how many years it still may be
- It is the prayers of our grandparents, parents and many people before us that is carrying us in the Spirit
- All over the world God is busy moving and there are people rising up to do something great for God
- Let us not focus on what the devil is doing but let us focus on what God is doing
- Keep on responding

Job 4:3-5 (NIV)

Think how you have instructed many, how you have strengthened feeble hands. Your words have supported those who stumbled, you have strengthened faltering knees. But now trouble comes to you and you are discouraged, it strikes you and you are dismayed.

- So many children of God knows what to say when others are in trouble but when crisis hits their own lives, they do not know the answers and their faith is failing
- There is a word this morning to uplift your spirit
- Our theme scripture this year is in Isaiah 2 where it says that the mountain of the Lord shall be established as the highest mountain and people will run to the house of the Lord
- We also heard in Isaiah 60 that the Lord is saying: "Arise shine for your light has come,... darkness covers the world and a thick darkness is over the people but the light will shine on you"

Isaiah 60:1 (AMPC)

ARISE [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you—rise to a new life]! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

- If we are going to move with God we need to rise up firstly in our own lives, out of our circumstances and the things that is holding us down and once we have risen out of our situation there is a dark world out there that needs hope
- The word of upliftment is not only for us but we need to take it and touch somebody else

Matthew 11:28 (NIV)

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.

Matthew 12:20-21 (NIV)

A bruised reed he will not break and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he has brought justice through to victory. In his name the nations will put their hope."

- **You will be victorious** irrespective of your challenges or storms that you are going through because we have a Name that is higher than any other name and that is Jesus Christ

Philippians 2:9-10 (NIV)

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

- There is a Name that is higher than any other name, the Name of Jesus Christ and at that Name every knee will bow in the heaven, on the earth and under the earth
- Sickness, unemployment, poverty, addictions etc. must bow before the Name of Jesus Christ
- Every storm and circumstance must bow before the Name of Jesus Christ
- This is why the Lord is saying to us: “come to Me those who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest”
- **Victory is your portion**

Psalms 118:17 (NIV)

I will not die but live and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

- **You will not die but you will live** and you will proclaim what the Lord has done
- Many situations have come to you but God is saying that you will not die but you will live and you will proclaim what the Lord has done

Philippians 4:13 (NIV)

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

- There is a voice from the Lord that is telling us to stand up and that can change any situation in your life
- God wants you to stand up and not be defeated
- If you feel that you have fallen or that you are under pressure, you need to stand up one more time and victory will be your portion

Micah 7:8

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

Proverbs 24:16

for though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again but the wicked stumble when calamity strikes.

- **Rise once more**
- Rise one more time than what you have fallen, then you will be victorious
- God is for you and not against you
- God is calling you up to the mountain, He wants you to be victorious
- You have what it takes: You have the Word and the Spirit of God
- God the Father and God the Son is cheering for you from heaven, He has defeated sin and death
- Be strong and courageous, do not be dismayed for the Lord your God is with you
- Surely goodness and mercy will follow you all the days of your life
- It is time to rise up out of your negative situation and whatever is keeping you down

Psalms 23:1 (NIV)

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

- **The Lord is your shepherd**, you will not look for a work, you will not be in poverty, you will not be in fear
- God is your shepherd and He will provide for you
- Give yourself over to the Lord, lie and cry before Him and rise up before Him
- God is busy moving
- Grab hold of His life and purpose and He is going to do something in your life but it will not stay with you, it is going to touch somebody else

- God is going to give you a Word that is going to uplift your neighbour
- The people are in darkness and have lost hope but God is a God that loves and He is busy moving
- God will give you a Word that will uplift your family
- No matter how old you are, God has called this generation to do something powerful and mighty for Him