

Message Notes

ARISE is an intentional call to action for Point of Grace to be transformed as individuals and as a church body, to literally “become light” and “shine” for God’s glory in key areas of personal and church life. Point of Grace embraced Part One of ARISE in the Spring of 2010 by surrendering to God’s transforming work in the area of financial giving. In this phase of ARISE God is calling us to transformation in the areas of Service, Community, Prayer and Worship!!

Isaiah 60¹ "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

Romans 12¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.....¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Transformation, growth and health in _____ are absolutely, unequivocally and non-negotiably essential for a church where “REAL People are Connecting to a REAL God and are DEPLOYED into His world for His purposes”!

**God calls us to pray F _____ and P _____ !
This call has a surprisingly P _____ tone while personally convicting and always encouraging!**

Luke 11⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;’⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.⁹ “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.¹¹ “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for^l a fish, will give him a snake instead?¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Isaiah 62⁶ I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night.

You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest,⁷ and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.

Genesis 32²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak.²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man.²⁶ Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.” But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

²⁷ The man asked him, “What is your name?” “Jacob,” he answered.

²⁸ Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”

²⁹ Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.”

But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.”

Our praying with passion is fueled by the deep conviction that “_____ is _____” and has already been good to us!

We strengthen this conviction by mixing with our prayer over the top “thanks_____”, “thanks_____” and “thanks_____”!

Psalms 100⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.⁵ For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalms 107¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.² Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story

²¹ Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind.²² Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy.

Colossians 3¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

1 Thessalonians 5¹⁶ Rejoice always,¹⁷ pray continually,¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit.

Passionate praying opens us up to receive what we need the most - the very _____ of God!

Surrender—Receive—Act