

Message Notes

ARISE is a 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 the Fall phase of ARISE God called us to transformation in the areas of Service, Community, Prayer and Worship!!

Worship—The Heart of Battle

Ephesians 6 ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

1 Peter 5 ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. ⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same

John 10 ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

James 4 ⁶ But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”^l
⁷ **Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.** ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Habakuk 3 ¹⁷ Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls,
¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior.
¹⁹ The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.

Psalm 84 ¹ How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty!
² My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. ¹⁰ Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Psalm 27 ⁴ One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

⁵ For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

⁶ Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.⁷ Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

⁸ My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, LORD, I will seek.

⁹ Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior. ¹⁰ Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.

Practicalities

• **C_____ to worship as vital, lifegiving and non-_____!**

• **L_____ yourself to worship in prayer and _____!**

Mark 12³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’

• **F_____ the battle for worship and in worship!**

• **E_____ God’s vision for you as a frequent, fervent, surrendered, undivided, “Spirit to spirit”, “Truth-rehearsing, receiving, responding, praising and proclaiming worshiper.**

Jesus,

I Surrender myself, my whole self, attitude and agenda to You!

I Receive You, Your love and grace, and Your agenda for me!

Restore me in You—Renew me in You!

In Jesus Name I resist Satan and all his influences and bind Him from me in the authority of Jesus Christ.

I will Act like the above is true and real as I worship and follow You!