

*IN LIGHT OF THE MARRIAGE RULING,
I WANT TO GIVE YOU SOME GOOD NEWS.
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36 YEARS OF MARRIAGE!*

**A CALL TO THE CHURCH TO ARISE AND OBEY
AN INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE**

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

WHY ARE YOU STANDING HERE?

A Message of Hope, Challenge, Perspective and Obedience

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Introduction to the Concept of Freedom

Exodus 14:1-16

Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, that they turn and camp before Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, opposite Baal-Zefon; you shall camp before it by the sea. 3 For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, "They are bewildered by the land; the wilderness has closed them in." 4 Then I will harden Pharaoh's heart, so that he will pursue them; and I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD." And they did so. 5 Now it was told the king of Egypt that the people had fled, and the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned against the people; and they said, "Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" 6 So he made ready his chariot and took his people with him. 7 Also, he took six hundred choice chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt with captains over every one of them. 8 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the children of Israel; and the children of Israel went out with boldness. 9 So the Egyptians pursued them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and overtook them camping by the sea beside Pi Hahiroth, before Baal Zephon. 10 And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the LORD. 11 Then they said to Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? 12 Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, "Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness." 13 And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. 14 The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." 15 And the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. 16 But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

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We need to exercise our faith in light of these days.

1. The Supreme courts decisions to enforce ACA (**ObamaCare**) **the most violent law against the unborn.**
2. Last weeks **martyrdom** of 9 Christians at **Emanuel Church in South Carolina failed to shock the nation.**
3. And then the SCOTUS overthrow of **natural marriage. Attacking the Bible and insulting the Architect of Marriage.**

What is The Answer & **Where** is the answer to come form?

1. What is a **Revival**

- Arthur Wallis, from the book, *In The Day of Thy Power*

Revival is divine intervention in the normal course of spiritual things. It is God revealing Himself to man in awful holiness and irresistible power. It is such a manifest working of God that human personalities are overshadowed, and human programs abandoned. It is man retiring into the background because God has taken the field. It is the Lord making bare His holy arm, and working in extraordinary power on saint and sinner.

2. **When** does **Revival** come?
3. **How** does **Revival** come?
4. **What** does **Revival** accomplish?
5. **Will** **Revival** come?

What revival is not: "It is not calling evil good and good evil. It is not **mistaking sin for freedom**, nor is it **mistaking tolerance for righteousness.**"

This is freedom. Not in what we are free to do, but what we are free not to do.

Against the backdrop of recent events and trends, there is a quiet hope that is awakening!

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1.) **Because It's Time To Seek The Lord**

It's time for us to "Exercise" our "Freedom".

Freedom that is both found in the **Bible** and in Our **Constitution!**

Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, nor **prohibiting the free exercise** thereof;

2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Romans 13:11-12

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

Application:

Freedom is maintained by exercising the freedom we have.

Romans 12:1-2 NLT

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice - the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. **2** Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

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2.) Because It's Time To Obey God

God blesses obedience,

But we cannot obey what we do not know, that's why we have Bibles. The GPS roadmap for our lives is God's word the Bible.

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His Image is the most recognizable Image on earth.

Because of Him, this home-grown American from Virginia grew up to be a man that helped birth a nation unlike the world had ever seen = George Washington = Billions of people on earth today know freedom and his face.

Revival is not Christianizing a culture.

It is not the enforcement of rules, regulations, or adopting of a religion; rather it is the Christian becoming heartbroken and desperate for God.

Christianity's Inherent Light

There is Only One Way Historically and Biblically that any culture can be redeemed - - It's when God's people are revived and thus influence one another and the culture they live.

In 1739 arriv'd among us from England the Rev. Mr. Whitefield, who had made himself remarkable there as an itinerant Preacher. He was at first permitted to preach in some of our Churches; but the Clergy taking a Dislike to him, soon refus'd him their Pulpits and he was oblig'd to preach in the Fields. The Multitudes of all Sects and Denominations that attended his Sermons were enormous and it was [a] matter of Speculation to me who was one of the Number, to observe the extraordinary Influence of his Oratory on his Hearers, and how much they admir'd and respected him, notwithstanding his common Abuse of them, by assuring them they were naturally half Beasts and half Devils. It was wonderful to see the Change soon made in the Manners [behavior] of our Inhabitants; from being thoughtless or indifferent about Religion, it seem'd as if all the World were growing Religious; so that one could not walk thro' the Town in an Evening without Hearing Psalms sung in different Families of every Street.

- Benjamin Franklin on Pastor George Whitefield

3.) Because It's Time To Love Jesus More

Joel 2:12-14a NLT

“Turn to Me now, while there is time. Give Me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning. **13** Don't tear your clothing in your grief, but tear your hearts instead.” Return to the LORD your God, for He is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He is eager to relent and not punish. **14** Who knows? Perhaps He will give you a reprieve.

4.) Because It's Time To Be Broken Before Him

Brokenness is seeing our sin and rebellion as God sees it. **It's The Vehicle that transports us to His Power.**

When you study the lives and ministries of the Founder era - you see a church dependent upon God.

1 Peter 5:6

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

We need to see ourselves as we are in Christ.

2 Chronicles 7:14

If My people who are called by My name (**#1 identity**) will humble themselves (**#2 dethrone**), and pray (**#3 cry**) and seek (**#4 pursue**) My face, and turn (**#5 repent**) from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

James 4:7-10

Therefore submit to God. **Resist the devil** and he will flee from you. 8 **Draw near to God** and He will draw near to you. **Cleanse your hands**, you sinners; and **purify your hearts**, you double-minded. 9 **Lament and mourn and weep!** Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 **Humble yourselves** in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

5.) Because It's Time To Be Filled With The Holy Spirit

A warning against "false manifestations"

Ephesians 5:17-18

Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints - -

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6.) It's Time To Get Up And Get Out Into The World

Do You Love This Country?

Then stand up and go and...

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Psalm 136:1-26

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

For His mercy endures forever.

2 Oh, give thanks to the God of gods!

For His mercy endures forever.

3 Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords!

For His mercy endures forever.

4 To Him who alone does great wonders,

For His mercy endures forever.

5 To Him who by wisdom made the heavens,

For His mercy endures forever;

6 To Him who laid out the earth above the waters,

For His mercy endures forever.

7 To Him who made great lights,

For His mercy endures forever.

8 The sun to rule by day,

For His mercy endures forever.

9 The moon and stars to rule by night,

For His mercy endures forever.

10 To Him who struck Egypt in their firstborn,

For His mercy endures forever.

11 And brought out Israel from among them,

For His mercy endures forever.

12 With a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm,

For His mercy endures forever.

13 To Him who divided the Red Sea in two,

For His mercy endures forever.

14 And made Israel pass through the midst of it,

For His mercy endures forever.

15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea,

For His mercy endures forever.

16 To Him who led His people through the wilderness,

For His mercy endures forever.

17 To Him who struck down great kings,

For His mercy endures forever.

18 And slew famous kings,

For His mercy endures forever.

19 Sihon king of the Amorites,

For His mercy endures forever.

20 And Og king of Bashan,

For His mercy endures forever.

21 And gave their land as a heritage,

For His mercy endures forever.

22 A heritage to Israel His servant,

For His mercy endures forever.

23 Who remembered us in our lowly state,

For His mercy endures forever.

24 And rescued us from our enemies,

For His mercy endures forever.

25 Who gives food to all flesh,

For His mercy endures forever.

26 Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven!

For His mercy endures forever.

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