

Rise: Abiding in Purpose Series

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Aloha and welcome to our final message in our Abiding in Purpose Series where we've been reminded of our God-given purpose to show off Jesus to the world. And each wk in this six wk series, we've entitled each message with an "R".

Week 1: Realize our divine purpose (Why we are here)

Week 2: Recognize our unique S.H.A.P.E.

Week 3: Rooted in faith and community

Week 4: Refined into pure silver so that we can reflect Christlike Character

And last wk, PT cast a compelling vision for all of us to be released into our God-given purpose by following the power of the HS, empowering us to be released by him setting the wind to our sails.

Today I'm putting a bow on this series by calling all of us to the last "R", for all of us to RISE Up & Run into your God-given destiny as you abide in Jesus, staying tight with him, in the way he has shaped you and is refining you for! So I ask you this question, Are you ready to Rise Up and Run into your destiny! Let me call out to you, Light Vader speaking to you NewHope Skywalkers.

(Play: Imperial March Vader theme music) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QzntZLHcYy0>

The force is strong in you, I can feel it. It is your destiny, church ohana, Join me, and together we can will rise up and run and rule the galaxy as children of the most high God against the forces of darkness. Know The force is strong in you, my sons and daughters! Are you ready to Rise Up and Run into our destiny, Luke Ohana! Well, are you!

Good and this is what we'll talk about today as you'll be given a chance to Rise Up and Run into your destiny after I speak. So are you ready!

I want to share with you a story where Jesus' disciples Rose Up to an occasion of participating in a miracle of Jesus by Rising Up to Jesus' invitation to do so. I

wanna give you the context to this first. **(KEYNOTE)**

1One day Jesus called together his twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases. 2Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. 3“Take nothing for your journey,” he instructed them. “Don’t take a walking stick, a traveler’s bag, food, money, or even a change of clothes (Luke 9:1 – 3 NLT).

You gotta catch what Jesus did before he released them and send them out. He did what? He gave them the power and authority to cast out the demons and heal the sick. Remember this important point as you all know this famous miracle that took place because in the same way, we need to know we have the power and authority to do the works of Jesus. I figure you know um in SE, so go watch um in HP. (Watch Video): Approx 2 minutes

10Da guys Jesus wen sen all ova da place come back, an dey tell Jesus wat dey wen do. Den he bring dem wit him an dey go way ony dem to Betsaida town. 11But all da peopo hear dat Jesus dem stay ova dea, az why dey go dea too. Jesus give da peopo his aloha. He tell um bout how dey can get God fo dea king, an he make da sick peopo come good. 12Wen da sun stay go down, da twelve guys come by him an tell, “Sen all da peopo away fo dem go da small towns an odda places aroun hea an get someting fo eat an some place fo sleep, cuz ova hea no mo notting.” 13Jesus tell, “You guys, go give um someting fo eat.”

Dey tell, “We ony get five bread an two fish. You like us go buy food fo all dis peopo, o wat?” 14(Had bout five tousan guys ova dea.) But he tell his guys, “Make erybody sit down, jalike fifty ova hea, fifty ova dea.” 15His guys do dat, an erybody sit down. 16Jesus take da five bread an da two fish. He look up da sky, an tell God “Eh God! You get one good heart fo give da peopo food!” He broke up da bread an da fish. Den he give um to his guys fo give to da peopo. 17Dey all eat um, an come full. His guys pick up twelve big baskets an fill um up wit da lefovas (Luke 9:10 – 17 DGASB).

Now Jesus presents the disciples a challenge. How are they meet the needs of the many? What was Jesus' response? “You guys, go give um something fo eat”?

Why do you think Jesus poses this responsibility back to them? Don't you think Jesus could have commanded manna and quail to drop down from the sky?

Did you catch how one disciple responded? "Us only have five loaves bread and two fish", lidat!

Just think with me. The disciples could have said, "eh Jesus, dass ouas. We stay hungry and dass fo us share share. How you can use oua litto bit fo feed erybody?"

We don't get the full picture, but they willingly give up the little. Do you think they knew what Jesus was gonna do with their little? Probably not! They've not seen this miracle before. But in obedience they give it up. And what happens? Not only are the people fed, but what else happens? Get choke left overs. How does this relate to us today in regards to us Rising Up!

I think Jesus is awaiting for us to do our part to see the miracle happen in others. In this series you've taken your SHAPE assessment, haven't you? And the pastoral staff, us wen see your results. Now it's time to do something. How many of you have faith in Jesus? Now James talks about faith without some kind of work is dead, yes dead faith, or no faith at all.

The disciples experienced the miracle because they gave, in faith, the little of what they had in obedience to what their master told them to do. They responded to the call of you feed them! So I send out the charge to you, you feed um. With what you say, "with all you have"? Didn't you take your SHAPE survey? Yeah, then you know what you get? Well, you willing to give of that?

But I only get litto bit time, talent, and treasure".

And when the disciples gave up what they had, the miracle happened. Everyone was fed.

And there were leftovers. The disciples learned an important lesson that day. When you give of the little of what you have and trust Jesus with that, he'll use that and miraculously minister to so many and guess what, they'll be leftovers for you, more than you had. And guess what, who get's the blessing? We do!

For those in our congregation that have given of what little you had of your time, talent and treasure, how many of you would say you've see the joy of giving.

I think the greatest joy is seeing the miracle unfold when you serve and participate with others in giving of your five loaves and two fish and witnessing the miracle of the transformation that happens in people's lives. And it's all of us willing to participate in this miracle. And I'm not only talking about the weekend services.

However, weekend services are our open house of the Christian life. We wanna welcome people with the Aloha of Christ all the way from the parking lot to the sanctuary! That people would feel the presence of God even before entering the building. And when they leave, we pray they leave empowered to reach more people for Jesus.

There are so many people serving beyond the confines of the weekend services, in small groups, Aloha Teams (outreach), youth, Transformation Academy, Prayer, All to participate in the miracle of seeing a life be touched by Jesus and the Kingdom expand to include one more follower of Jesus.

So I ask you this question, how's your response to the opportunities to participate with Jesus. Are you ready to rise up and give of your five loaves and two fish?

If I may be honest, some of you are holding back from giving up your fish and bread. Why? Don't you know that he wants you to experience the miracle

through your offering? Don't you see that God wants to multiply your fish and loaves to overflow. So I urge you to Rise Up and Release what you have been given, you watch and see what Jesus will do.

I'm gonna end with this last story from what Luke captures in an Acts account of someone rising up.

1Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. 2As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. 3When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money.

4Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" 5The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. 6But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!"

7Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. 8He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them.

9All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God.

The story in Acts 3 of Peter and John on their way to the temple, but they see someone in need. So they don't just do the religious thing and continue on to church, they stop and save that guy. They tell him to Rise and Walk. You gotta understand the context of what just happened in Chapter 2: The Holy Spirit empowered them for ministry. They are not just going to church, they are being given the opportunity to help someone Rise Up and Walk

The disciples could have just done what is normal, go to the temple to pray. Cuz dass the time fo pray! And not see the needs around them. For us, it's 5pm, 8am, or 10am. But on this occasion, they see a need and this need is happening every day, probably happening way before the pouring out of the HS. But because Peter and John are filled with the power and passion of the HS, they their eyes are open

to the need and instead of just going to church, they paused and participated in the miracle.

So let me be Peter and John on this occasion and call out to you Rise/Stand Up and Walk, (and I'm not saying you are paralyzed) but rise up, in a slightly different way, walk into taking the next step of helping others experience their miracle. You've been coming to church every weekend or so, but now's your time to Rise Up and Walk! Take action. Faith in Action.

Much of what the ministries represent are related to our OPEN HOUSE EVENT, our weekend services. That's where we get to taste the what it's like to live in this house, meet the inhabitants, But so much more happens in our church beyond the weekend too. And you can check those ministries out as well.

And we all wanna rise up and walk with our five loaves and two fish. Go offer that up! And ask God to direct you to have key conversations with these ministries.

Segway to Ministry Fair: Direct them to stick around as service is not ended. It's a transition to a fair to check out where you can share your five loaves and two fish. And participate in the miracle for you Walk in how God shaped you to serve.

(Keynote) Show QR Code of layout of the ministries. Ushers to pass out cards (Go over card) and when you are done, turn it into one of the DCAT volunteers who'll be in the Connection Central Lobby fo one prize.

Small Group/OG Discussion Qs:

1. What did God highlight to you through this message?
2. Read Luke 9:1 – 17. In the context of Jesus sending out the disciples into their destiny of God empowered ministry, what lessons can you learn from the miracle that took place of the feeding of the five thousand, specifically looking at the disciple's actions? What are you five loaves and two fish?
3. If you've said "Yes" to Jesus to be the one in charge of your life, he has raised you up, spiritually speaking. So like the paralyzed man who rose up and walked, how will you walk to represent Jesus to your world?
4. Pray with one another to walk out your destiny, remembering the truth of Ephesians 2:10, that you are God's masterpieces created for you to do good works God has prepared in advance for you to do.