

Sermon Notes – November 30, 2025

“Arise & Step Up into Your New Identity!”

Intro: Many of you have been so weighed down with the cares of your life, and God wants to lift that off you today so that you can walk fully in who He has called you to be.

The Cares of Life can Sabotage you...

Parable of the “Sower” **Luke 8:14**. The enemy will use anything that he can to distract us from our purposes in God. When this happens, the Word of God takes second place, the cares, the problems, the issues and situations we get ourselves into seem to be overwhelming and in the forefront of our thoughts every day... and we feel like we are drowning and being choked by them!

There comes a time and a place, just one more issue, that puts us in the position where we just get tired of living exhausted, and tense, and pressured, and tired of trying to seek fulfillment and peace from under all of the weight of the cares of this life. We get tired of trying to carry the weight of our entire family!

God is bringing an awakening to His body, to His church today! It is an awakening to stand up for what is right, to stand up and draw boundaries in your life! God is awakening a fresh desire within each of us today to rise up and step it up, to go deeper in who you are in Christ!

It is your time! It is your life!

The Process of Rising Up Above

The word **manipulate** means **“to manage or influence skillfully in an unfair manner to suit one’s purpose or advantage.”** Others can become very good at manipulating you! Some of your families and friends have taken advantage of you, and many of you have laid down your own ambitions and dreams to do whatever your grown children and extended family, are asking and possibly all-out demanding of you!

The enemy will use whoever and whatever he can to hinder you from walking in your God-given identity and call. It is time to awaken and stand up for yourself! God will give you the courage and the words to say to draw the needed boundaries that will allow your grown kids and your extended family and

friends to deal with their own stuff! God wants to become their source! The first step of rising above this is to realize that it is enough! *Do you know that this is actually the most loving thing you can do for your family?*

It will be hard, but today I speak life over you! Today I cut you free from the bondage that others have had over you! Today I speak freedom from manipulation and control others have had over you! You are free in the powerful Name of Jesus! Today God is giving you a new identity in Him!

Today is a day of rising above! Today is a day of stepping up into your God-given identity and calling in a way you haven’t felt the freedom to do before!

The Damage of Self-Talk

This is a tool that the enemy uses with us that, I believe, will self-sabotage us more than any other thing.

Gideon – Judges 6:12 – 7:25

The enemy of your soul will come and whisper negative things in your ear causing you to think things like... *you are not spiritual enough, you are not strong enough, you are not thin enough, you are too thin, you are ...* This can then lead to comparing yourself with others. And say things to yourself, *“If I was as thin as so and so, or if I was as spiritual as so and so, if I was as strong and fit as so and so... then... life would be perfect, life would be good, life would be easier...”*

The negative self-talk will cause you to begin to believe those lies about ourselves. It then becomes rooted deep within and a lie from the enemy becomes our truth.

Every kingdom has principles and laws that govern it. When you begin to understand the principles of the Kingdom of God it will change your life! There are many Scriptures that guide us in this area and the Scriptures are very clear –

Luke 6:45b; Psalm 119:11; Jeremiah 15:16; Proverbs 18:21

The Way You Walk in Your New Identity!

Knowing you are called to abundance in Christ will change the way you walk! You will walk with your head up because you are the child of the King! You will walk with a knowing that you carry His identity and it is an identity of royalty, of spiritual authority! You are no longer downtrodden or oppressed by the enemy, you are lifted up, and have risen above, you’ve drawn spiritual boundaries in your life, God led

spiritual boundaries, and you now understand that you can walk in His strength and His authority!

You don’t need to carry the weight of everyone else, you help bear their burdens, but you let them carry their own loads! You are a son or daughter of the Almighty One! **John 10:10** - You were created for abundance in Christ! You were created to live an abundant life!

Abundantly (Greek) = **“superabundant; excessive; over and above; something further, more than is necessary!”**

This is who you are in Christ! You are not called to live exhausted and barely surviving! You are strong and mighty thru Christ Who dwells in you! You are not fearful! You are powerful and carry His authority over your circumstances within you!

Walk in your God-given authority and call, with your head held high because this is who He has created you to be, not in a prideful way, but in a knowing that this is who you truly are! You are His heir! You are His sons and daughters!

Romans 8:16-17 You are one who receives your allotted possession, your abundance, by right of sonship! You carry His anointing in everything you do! **1 John 2:20; 1 Peter 2:9**

You carry the anointing and authority to speak life into your situations that are trying to pull down your family! This is who you are!!! You carry the power of Holy Spirit inside of you to rise above all that the enemy is trying to do to you!

Acts 1:8 **Power (Greek) = “force, specifically miraculous power, inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, power for performing miracles; power consisting in or resting upon armies, forces, hosts”**

This is not just any kind of power; it is supernatural power that resides in you because the Spirit of the Living God is living in you! You are endued with supernatural power to speak into and defeat the enemy! You are endued with power for performing miracles and raising the dead, you carry the power of Holy Spirit inside of you for healing the sick! You carry the power of Holy Spirit inside of you to rise above your circumstances and situations!

Conclusion... It’s time to rise above the cares of this life and step up into the abundant life God has designed you to walk in! It’s time to arise and step it up spiritually!