

# MOMENTUM

## LIFE AFTER RESURRECTION

MOMENTUM | PT.3 IDENTITY: PRAISE & WORSHIP | PASTOR RYAN ROBERTS

*“AS BELIEVERS, EVERYTHING IN OUR LIVES FLOWS TO AND FROM EASTER SUNDAY.”*

**WE KNOW THE SACRIFICIAL DEATH AND THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS:**

- -IT SATISFIED DEFINE JUDGEMENT, CANCELING OUR SIN DEBT
- -IT UPHELD THE HOLINESS OF JESUS, SHOWING THE AUTHORITY HE HOLDS
- -IT DISPLAYED GOD’S RELENTLESS, BOUNDLESS LOVE
- -IT ENABLED NEW CREATION
- -IT COMMISSIONED JESUS’ CHURCH TO TELL EVERYONE

**IT CHANGED EVERYTHING, ABOUT EVERYTHING.**

**(COMMISSION: CONFERING AUTHORITY BY GIVING AN ORDER FOR ACTIVE SERVICE)**

**MARK 16:14-20**

THIS IS **NOT SELF SERVING MOMENTUM...**

IT'S A **LIFE IN PURSUIT OF GOD**, AND FOLLOWING THE PLAN OF GOD, BECAUSE OF GOD, AND FOR GOD'S GLORY.

**MOMENTUM:** *THE QUANTITY OF MOTION OF A MOVING BODY*

**WEBSTER'S:** *strength or force gained by motion or by a series of events*

**TRUTH:** SPIRITUAL MOMENTUM IS NOT BASED ON EMOTIONAL FEELINGS, OR FLEETING/TEMPORAL THINGS, BUT ON NEW CREATION REALITIES.

WE MAY FIND OURSELVES STUCK IN DISTRACTION. AND IF WE ARE NOT CAREFUL, WE FORGET TO EXERCISE OUR "FAITH MUSCLES," LEADING TO: **SPIRITUAL ATROPHY.**

**SPIRITUAL ATROPHY:** THE **STAGNATION OF A BELIEVER'S SPIRITUAL LIFE.**

**WEEK 1 KEY:** JESUS POINTS TO THE FOCUS: OBEDIENCE TO LOVE, AND THAT IS REAL SPIRITUAL MOMENTUM.

**WEEK 2 KEY:** IN CHRIST, MY PAST IS THE PAST, AND MY LIFE IS A TESTIMONY TO THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST, AND THAT GIVES ME MOMENTUM.

**IDENTITY SERVES AS A SENSE OF SELF AND WORTH.**

**IDENTITY GIVES:**

- ACCESS (WHERE YOU ARE ABLE TO GO)**
- PURPOSE (WHAT YOU ARE ABLE TO DO)**
- VALUE (WHY YOU MATTER)**

**JOHN 1:12-13 ; EPHESIANS 2:1-10 CEB**

**>>>>THE BIG KEY: JESUS' TOMB IS EMPTY, SO I DON'T HAVE TO BE.<<<<**

**THE ENEMY DOES NOT MIND** WHEN WE GO TO CHURCH, LISTEN TO CHRISTIAN MUSIC, OR READ OUR BIBLES AS INFORMATION...

**THE ENEMY HATES** WHEN A BELIEVER WORSHIPS AND PRAISES GOD WITH MUSIC, WHEN WE READ OUR BIBLES AS THE WORD OF GOD, AND WHEN WE PARTNER TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST, TO PRAY AND SERVE, BRINGING GOD'S KINGDOM TO THE EARTH! BECAUSE THAT IS ALL TIED TO CONFIDENCE IN OUR NEW IDENTITY IN JESUS CHRIST.

**A UNIQUE ISSUE... WE DON'T ALWAYS KNOW THAT, OR AT LEAST WE DON'T ALWAYS REMEMBER OUR NEW IDENTITY IN CHRIST.**

The thing is, with worldly identity, **even the ones that are not inherently bad or evil always fall short** because there's something within a human being that has a **need for life**. A need for eternity, if you will.

**SOME OF THE MOST DANGEROUS LIES, (ANYTHING NOT BASED ON GOD'S WORD) WE CAN BELIEVE START WITH "I" ...**

I AM \_\_\_\_\_

I DESIRE \_\_\_\_\_

I WANT \_\_\_\_\_

I DESERVE \_\_\_\_\_

I WILL ONLY \_\_\_\_\_

I INHERITED \_\_\_\_\_

### **DANIEL 1:1-7**

Nebuchadnezzar **doesn't overthrow**; **he has plans**;

He takes hostages and reeducates them for 3 years. They gave 4 of them **brand new names**...

## ORIGINAL NAME

## BABYLONIAN NAME

Daniel "God is my judge." – Belteshazzar "Bel protects his life."

Hananiah "God is gracious," – Shadrach "command of the moon god"

Misheal "who is God?" – Meshach "who is Aku"

Azariah "God has helped." – Abednego "slave of the god Nebo."

This **strategy was part of a larger, multi-wave deportation** (597–586 BC) intended to neutralize Judah.

-prevent rebellion (against the enemy) and crush the Kingdom

-to remove their Kingdom heritage

-to overtake the Kingdom's resources

### **DANIEL 1:8; 15-21**

**These 4 guys chose to go against the grain, to maintain their identity even in a hostile environment.**

### **DANIEL 2:10-19;46-49 DANIEL 3:1-30**

That crowd almost certainly included **other Israelites** who knew the promise and identity as God's Kingdom.

They bowed **anyway**.

They decided that **survival was more important** than conviction. **God** wasn't worth **dying** for.

Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah did **not** bow.

"Our God is **able** to deliver us. He **will** deliver us. **But if not**, be it known to you, O king, we **will not serve** your gods."

**THAT IS NOT A STATEMENT OF DOUBT;**

THIS IS A COMPLETE SEPARATION OF **WORSHIP** FROM THE EXPECTATION OF A **SPECIFIC OUTCOME**.

**"Even if He does not, we will not bow."**

**TRUTH:** AS BORN-AGAIN BELIEVERS, IN COVENANT IN JESUS CHRIST WE HAVE MORE THAN HANANIAH, MISHAEL, AND AZARIAH HAD.

**PSALM 27:3-6**

**YOU CAN'T LIVE AT THE CHURCH, BUT NEITHER DOES GOD!**

**NOT TO DISCREDIT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH:**

**HEB 10:24-25**

**BUT REMINDING YOU THAT YOU CARRY THE SPIRIT OF GOD, AS A PART OF HIS CHURCH, THAT'S WHY HE GAVE HIS CHURCH, YOU AND I HIS COMMISSION.**

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**DANIEL 3:21-25**

YOU HAVE A **SEALED IDENTITY**, AND HE WILL BE THERE WITH YOU IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE... SO **GLORIFY HIM WITH YOUR LIFE!**

**3 ENTRY POINTS THAT HE USES TO GAIN ACCESS TO LIE:**

**CONSENT:** agreeing and accepting his lies as truth

**COMPROMISE:** some area of neglect where you did not listen to the Holy Spirit, the Word of God, or sound Biblical counsel.

**COOPERATION:** an area of ignorance or weakness in which you embrace demonic, sinful actions.

**3 REACTIONS TO THE ENEMY'S LIES:** JESUS DOES THE MIRACLE BUT WE HAVE A GOD GIVEN ROLE TO PLAY AS HIS BODY ON THE EARTH.

**WE REBUKE:** strong correction, calling sin, the enemy, etc. what it is!

**WE RENOUNCE:** reject and disown the attack, accepted lies, lusts

**WE RESIST:** oppose, withstand, and reject by **standing firm**

**LIKE AN ARMY**

**YOU AND I WERE CREATED FOR A PURPOSE TO GLORIFY GOD**

**IN 2 CHRONICLES WHEN GOD'S ARMY FACED A BATTLE GOD'S PEOPLE ARE INSTRUCTED TO PRAISE ANYWAY...**

**"Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever."** As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against their enemies... and they were defeated.

**IN ACTS 16, PAUL AND SILAS ARE IMPRISONED...**

“About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God... Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken.”

Paul and Silas weren't praising after they were freed—they praised while still imprisoned.

**IN PSALM 22:3 WE READ:** “But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel.”

PRAISE REPOSITIONS YOUR MIND BACK ON THE FOCUS, JESUS CHRIST AND THE GOSPEL... **YOUR IDENTITY** AS A CHILD OF GOD!

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**TODAY'S KEY:** DESPITE RESULTS, APPEARANCES, OR CIRCUMSTANCES, MY SACRIFICE OF PRAISE & UNWILLINGNESS TO BOW TO LESSER THINGS, CREATES MOMENTUM.

THERE WERE DIFFERENT RESPONSES TO THE CROSS & RESURRECTION... **WHAT WILL YOURS BE?**

**CHOOSE PRAISE.**