

Text: 2 Chronicles 29-31

Faith pulls the trigger that unleashes potential.

THE 5 TRIGGERS TO SEE AN IRRESISTIBLE AWAKENING:::

An irresistible awakening happens when God's people revolve around the worship of God.

An irresistible awakening happens when God's people repent and remove the filth from their lives.

Willful sin makes the presence of God imperceptible over time.

Repentance is an act of worship.

An irresistible awakening happens when God's people are all about the Gospel.

An irresistible awakening happens when God's people stand in the gap.

An irresistible awakening happens when God's people give extravagantly.

Because God gives us grace in heaps we give financially in heaps.

Questions To Wrestle through:

Does your life revolve around the worship of God or something else?

Is there unconfessed sin in your life?

Have you received Christ as Savior?

How can you take the Gospel outside of these walls?

Will you pray on behalf of others? Your kids? The church?

Do you have a sacrificial gift to make?

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion)

1. How did this week's message impact you? What challenged you? What questions did it raise? What confused you?

Read 2 Chronicles 29-31

2. Take a little time to discuss with your small group your personal story of first encountering Pleasant Valley or the first church you attended, that had a significant impact on your life. What made it irresistible to you? What can you take away and apply from those experiences?

3. In 29:5, King Hezekiah commands the Levites to, "Remove all defilement from the sanctuary." Essentially, they cleaned house of anything that reflected sins made by past, present, or future generations. What needs to be cleared out of your junk drawer that is blocking your potential? What sins can we begin holding each other accountable for, discussing, and confessing as a community to begin becoming irresistible? (See 1st John 1:19 and 1st Peter 2:1-3 for further study) Why is this process of confession and consecration vital for a spiritual awakening?

4. Hezekiah celebrating the Passover was a revitalizing event for Israel. In 30:6-10, Hezekiah sends messengers to all nations inviting them to come be a part of this renewed covenant made with God. These were awakened people who had a desire to celebrate the Gospel. In the same way, we should be excited about the Gospel and how it changes people! What can we do as awakened members of the body of Christ, to see people in this community be a part of what God is doing here and point them to His redemption? (See 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 for further study)

5. As Pastor Brandon pointed out, one of the most significant actions on behalf of Israel is painted in 30:17-20 when they interceded on behalf of other tribes not consecrated as part of the Old Testament sacrificial system. Israel cared enough about people coming in from afar to experience God that they were willing to pray on behalf of them. They stood in the gap. How can you stand in the gap for your lost son or daughter, friends, or family who don't know the Lord? Take some time after group to pray for these people who are on your heart.

6. Chapter 31 gets into the details of what tribes were charged with by Hezekiah to contribute to the temple. Everyone brought the best of their time, talents, and resources to this process above and beyond the offering they were commanded. This passage uses the phrase "in heaps" in verse 8. This collective action of sacrificial giving was a reflection of the heart the people had for the Lord and what He was doing through them. What do you think sacrificial giving looks like? Have you ever given sacrificially? How is this a reflection of our hearts? (See 2 Samuel 24:24 for further study)

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