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Isaiah 60:1 "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you."

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ARISE?

1. ARISE IS A <u>COMMAND</u> TO <u>ACT</u>.

To ARISE, we are required to participate.

Ephesians 5:14 "Therefore He says: Awake, you who sleep, **arise** from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

1 Corinthians 3:9 "For we are coworkers in God's service."

1 Peter 1:13 "Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled;

set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed."

James 2:14-17 "What good is it if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless."

What ACTION is God requiring of me today?

2. ARISE IS A <u>CALL</u> TO ASCEND.

To ARISE results in us going higher.

Matthew 5:14,16 Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Psalm 3:3 "But You are a shield around me, O LORD; You bestow glory on me and **lift up** my head."

Ephesians 2:6 "And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus..."

God didn't call you to average!

1 Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

2 Corinthians 3:18 "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image **from glory to glory**, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

In which areas of my life is God calling me to ASCEND?

3. ARISE IS A <u>CONSEQUENCE</u> OF THE <u>ANOINTING</u>.

We ARISE when God's Spirit is released on us in power.

2 Corinthians 1:20-22 "For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ. And so through Him the 'Amen' is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."

If your plans can be accomplished without the anointing, then your plans are too small.

1 John 2:20 & 27 "You have an anointing from the Holy One. The anointing you received from Him remains in you."

John 15:5-11 "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing. If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are My true disciples. This brings great glory to My Father."

How can I receive God's ANOINTING to act and ascend?

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