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## Be The One

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Not quitting has been the emphasis on the last few weeks of teaching and we continue this week with this same kind of teaching, regardless of the circumstances that are around and what the word has to say about the believers standing their ground and not giving up. Pain and difficulties are only temporary but quitting sets a precedence in our lives of a non-achiever. Quitting we can rise up against but if you start setting a habit of quitting when things get rough you will set a pattern of becoming a non-achiever. The following scripture has been the foundation scripture for this series.

Isa 60:1-2 "**Arise** [from the depression and prostration in which \*circumstances have kept you—rise to a new life]! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! 2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness [all] peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon you [O Jerusalem], and His glory shall be seen on you." AMP

ARISE is the word that has been emphasized over and over. We will have many opportunities to set down and quit if we are going to do anything for God and when we get ready to go to the next level there will be opposition in our lives. When believers receive spiritual opposition and don't know how to handle it and stand fast against it, they will become quitters. \*Circumstances love to captivate you and when we encounter adverse circumstances they can become very powerful, it is easy to shout victory when things are going our way, but circumstances of adversity are designed to bring discouragement to us, making us think that overcoming an adversity can never happen. There is a greater life than adversity or adverse circumstances, rise to that new life, receive victory and come out of it, we have joy by the answer of our mouth not confessing or saying things that are negative to what we believe. Begin framing your world by the words that you are speaking, we have so many things to be grateful for, begin to speak those words.

How can we be complainers and murmurers when the glory of the Lord is shining around us? We are to arise to a new level because the light has come upon us. Take a step of faith, put yourself in a position to receive from the Lord what He is wanting to do for you, if you don't, you will never receive the glory He has for you. You have to let go of the past in order to receive and enjoy the blessings that He has for you.

In the following scriptures we read the story of David and Goliath and the battle that the Philistines were raging against the Israelites. David's father has sent him to check on his brothers and when he gets there he sees that the giant is totally intimidating the Israelites and David is upset at what is happening. He offers his services, even though he is just a young man, not being a man experienced in the things of war. His brothers are ready to send him away and try to intimidate him by what they say, but David realizes that the giant does not have a covenant with God. David has spent time with the Lord and knows that he can trust the Lord to help him in adversity that arises in his life. In the end, David confronts the giant and kills him.

1 Sam 17:24-29 "And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid. 25 And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel. 26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God? 27 And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him. 28 And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. 29 And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?" KJV

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This was David's reaction upon seeing the giant, there was no fear in him, David was thinking about victory, he was ready to set up and do what had to be done.

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His family was totally against him, trying to put him down because of his size and age, that his job was tending the sheep. David could see the need for someone to stand against the giant. King Saul was even impressed with David and saw that he had the desire and knew that he could be victorious.

We all must have private victories before we have public victories, David had experience these victories with the killing a bear and a lion and he was ready now to take on the giant. David ran to meet Goliath and the battle ended.

Be ready to take the step of faith, don't let people tell you that it can't be done. There are many examples in the bible of different people taking a step of faith and receiving what they were in need of.

Luke 17:15-19 "And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, 16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. 17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? 18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. 19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole." KJV

There were 10 lepers, they were all healed when Jesus spoke to them, he told them to go to the priests, while they were still lepers. They had taken a step of faith before receiving their healing, they would not have been cleansed without taking that step of faith. Usually people will not declare their healing has happened until they see the results. There has to be one who will step out in faith in order to receive from God what they are believing for, without taking that step of faith, they will receive nothing. However, when one of the 10 saw that he was healed, he came back to tell Jesus how grateful he was for being healed.

You be the one who sets the tone for your family, giving thanks and being grateful for all that the Lord has done for you and them. Thanking the Lord Jesus for all that He has done, don't be the one who is complaining and murmuring and not grateful, never satisfied. Step out of the box where circumstances have kept you from walking in victory, you be the one following after Jesus, you be the one. Gods glory is resting after you.