

# Sermon Notes

## Now What? Part 3

### October 21<sup>st</sup> – October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

- **Now What?**
- Reach Up, Rise Up, Reach Out
- **So Far:**
  - So, now what? Now we take it to the next level. How redemption works...
    - Reach Up – Now What? Now we fix our eyes on Jesus! **Hebrews 12:1-2**
    - Rise Up – Now What? Now we live a life worthy of Jesus! **Colossians 1:10**
- **Part 3: Now What? Reach Out – Now we make the most of every opportunity. (Ephesians 5:8-16)**
  - Make the most of every opportunity because you are not darkness any longer, but light in the Lord.
  - “Get-r-done” is a big part of the gospel message. Why? Because Jesus came to change the world!!
    - If we reduce the gospel to getting people into Heaven we lose its revolutionary power.
      - A revolution needs people who make the most of every opportunity!!
- Is there a contradiction between **Matthew 12:30** and **Mark 9:40**?
  - My first thought was, “what about neutral people, are they in or out??”
    - Context of each: Pharisees/bad religion vs good things done by strangers.
      - **Matthew 12:22-24, 12:30** and **Mark 9:38-41.**
        - The point? There is no neutral group. For or against. The fence is against...
    - Let’s be those who “gather with” Jesus. Jesus expects us to be on mission. All of us.
- What is that mission?
  - Here are a few examples: **Matthew 5:14-16, Matthew 28:18-20, 1 Corinthians 5:17-20.**
    - To do this “you must be born again” from last week looms large.
    - There is power in the example of **Matthew 10:7-8.**
      - They personally experienced all of the things they were called to give to others.
      - There is power in your personal experiences with God. Your testimony.
      - If you don’t have much to say, then pray more and take some holy risks!!
- Where to go from here...I thought about Romans 11...then Romans 16. But, we’re going to **Luke 7:36-50.**
  - This is not Simon Peter. He was a fisherman not a Pharisee. The woman? **John 11:1-3.**
    - What is the moral? Who loves Jesus more? The one who was forgiven much.
    - This woman didn’t need to be told what to do. She just loved Jesus that much.
      - Do you love Jesus? Have you been forgiven much? Or just a little??
  - Years back I wondered who in the Bible I was most like. Paul? Timothy?
    - Then the gentle whisper in my heart said...it’s Barabbas.
    - I’m the guilty fool who gets set free while Jesus is condemned.
      - Who am I to not be thankful? To not worship? To not testify? To not give my life to serve Jesus? I didn’t need to be told what to do.
- Jesus was right when he said what was most important. **Mark 12:28-431**
  - Loving God motivates everything else.
    - Pushing worship, service, giving, witnessing, etc. on people who don’t love God is a mess.
    - But, if you love God like Mary did, I won’t be able to stop you.
- Now What? Now we make the most of every opportunity!
  - Why? Because I said so? Because you know you’re supposed to? So Good Hope can grow? No.
  - Why? Because you have seen the love and power of God and you can’t hold it in!! **1 John 4:19**
  - If you haven’t seen that, then let’s pray and go get something good.
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