

Awakened Men: Living a Legacy That Honors Jesus

Not too long ago, we witnessed now one of history's most horrific events. The assassination of a true patriot and man of courage and Faith, Charlie Kirk. When asked not too long ago what He would want to be remembered by if he died. His response was simple but powerful. "I want to be remembered by my courage for my faith."

How do you want to be remembered?

Not for titles, achievements, or applause, but for **courage in your faith**. For standing boldly for Jesus, the Son of the Living God. The most important thing in life is not what we build, but **who we become. Becoming like Jesus**.

"The most important thing you can do is to be born anew into the kingdom of God."

Jesus at the Center

Worship reminds us: *Jesus is the center of it all*. He is not just part of our story; **He is the story**. He doesn't just have the message; He is the message. The Gospel is not a side message; it is **the message** that transforms lives.

Wake-Up Call: A Legacy Worth Living

Psalm 78:1–32 calls us to remember and retell the works of God. It's a generational mandate, to pass on the truth, the miracles, and the faithfulness of God. We are called to **awaken**, to rise from spiritual slumber and live lives that shine with Christ.

"Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." — *Ephesians 5:14*

The Gospel: The Message That Endures

The Gospel is not just a story, it's **the power of God** to redeem and restore. The Gospel is the **Birth , Life, Death, Resurrection, and the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus**.

This is the message that saves, heals, and sets free. It's not our talents or testimonies; it's **Jesus and only Jesus**.

Your Past Doesn't Disqualify You

God never consults your past to determine your future. Scripture is filled with men who failed, yet were used mightily:

- **Adam** disobeyed — still became the father of humanity.
- **David** sinned — still called a man after God's heart.
- **Peter** denied Christ — still preached at Pentecost.
- **Paul** persecuted believers — still wrote much of the New Testament.

God doesn't call the perfect — He perfects the called.

Living the Message

If you had one last message to preach, let it be Jesus. Let it look like **love, sacrifice, and death to self**. Be *Jesus with skin on*, as my spiritual mother in the faith gospel legend, evangelist and songwriter Nancy Harmon said to me many years ago. I can still hear her say her most famous words “I am bound to a cause far greater than myself.” She truly lived this. She loved people, but most of all she loved God.

Legacy Questions for Every Man

“Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.” — *Proverbs 19:21*

- **How do you want to be remembered?**
- **How does that align with your God-given purpose?**
- **What can you do now to live that life — in your walk, speech, actions, and thoughts?**
- **What steps will you take to know Jesus and preach His message?**

The Vision of EMIC

We have a great part to play in both the vision and mission of EMIC. Pastor George has modeled what it means to know the Lord. We are commissioned to make that our ultimate priority.

“For my determined purpose is that I may know Him.” — *Pastor George*

The Enemy Is After Your Legacy

He wants to rob the message, the promise, and the Word placed on your life. But remember:

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.” — *Matthew 24:35*

Final Charge

Men, rise up. Be awakened. Be bold. Be faithful. Let your life preach Jesus and only Jesus, the message that never fades and never loses its transforming redeeming power. Let your legacy be one that echoes through generations: **a man who knew Jesus and made Him known.**