# **Do Something**

# 2 Kings 7:3-9 - The Syrians Flee

<sup>3</sup> Now there were four men with leprosy at the entrance of the city gate. <u>They said</u> <u>to each other</u>, <u>"Why stay here until we die?</u><sup>4</sup> If we say, 'We'll go into the city' the famine is there, and we will die. And if we stay here, we will die. So let's go over to the camp of the Syrians and surrender. If they spare us, we live; if they kill us, then we die."

<sup>5</sup> At dusk they got up and went to the camp of the Syrians. When they reached the edge of the camp, no one was there, <sup>6</sup> for the Lord had caused the Syrians to hear the sound of chariots and horses and a great army, so that they said to one another, "Look, the king of Israel has hired the Hittite and Egyptian kings to attack us!" <sup>7</sup> So they got up and fled in the dusk and abandoned their tents and their horses and donkeys. They left the camp as it was and ran for their lives.

<sup>8</sup>The men who had leprosy reached the edge of the camp, entered one of the tents and ate and drank. Then they took silver, gold and clothes, and went off and hid them. They returned and entered another tent and took some things from it and hid them also.

<sup>9</sup> Then they said to each other, <u>"What we're doing is not right.</u> This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us. Let's go at once and report this to the royal palace."

# And they said one to another, why stay here until we die?

- According to the law Lepers were not allowed into the city...
- They had to depend on charity at the city gates....
- Because of the famine and the presence of the Syrian army...

# Their situation was desperate!!!!!

- Four famished, fear-stricken, leprous men led one of the greatest deliverance's and revivals the nation of Israel had ever witnessed.
- God transformed this twilight trip into one of the most hilarious invasions in all of history.
- The timid, soft steps of the four leprous men cautiously walking on the path to the Syrian camp **was amplified and magnified by God** into a roar of chariot wheels rumbling, swords clanging, horses panting, soldiers shouting, and trumpets blasting.

- This roar melted the Syrian soldiers' hearts with a <u>frightful fear</u> of a devastating defeat.
- <u>The noise of confusion</u> went crackling through the camp like a wind-swept fire.

#### The church may seem to be a rag-tag group of weekend soldiers with

- Low budgets
- Untrained soldiers
- Underpaid leaders
- With highly criticized efforts
- With a task which seems unattainable, unimaginable, and unfathomable

#### But God can Amplify our voice

- Magnify our work
- Glorify our endeavors

#### He can also Rectify our failures

- Mystify our enemies
- Gratify our labors

# Many are waiting for God to move but God is saying -

#### "Don't Just Sit there do something!"

#### The lepers were sitting outside the city walls of Samaria

- The city cast them out
- They were offensive to look upon
- They were eyesore's to behold
- They had the potential of being highly
- Contagious and infectious

# The Church likewise has <u>been supernaturally wedged</u> in <u>between the world</u> and <u>the enemies camp</u>.

- The world has separated the church from society
- We are <u>offensive</u> to their fleshly lusts
- We are <u>an eyesore</u> to their **humanism and materialism**
- We have the potential of being highly
- <u>Contagious</u> and <u>infectious</u>

# You are in the world, but you are not of the world

**2 Corinthians 6:17**Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.

1 Peter 1:16 "Be holy, because I am holy."

- Four Lepers "Why sit here until we die???????"
- Don't just sit here and die.... Let's get up and do something!!!!

# The church <u>has nothing to lose</u>

• The devil fights us - - - The world does not like us

# We might as well

- Teach Bible Studies and WORSHIP
- Knock on doors Share the Gospel
- Preach the truth and Shout

# Has the devil stolen your Joy??????

• <u>Victory – Miracle - Answer</u>

# Don't just sit there, Do something!!!

#### March into the enemies camp and

- <u>Reclaim</u> your joy
- <u>Take back</u> your answer
- <u>Reclaim</u> your victory
- <u>Reclaim</u> your miracle
- <u>Reclaim</u> your Power
- <u>Reclaim</u> Your Anointing

# Don't Just Sit There, Do Something!

# Has hardship and frustration robbed you of your.....

- Worship Faith????
- Stripped you of your Desire
- Blinded your Vision

# Don't Just Sit There, Do Something!

# Does it seem like the devil's noose is securely wrapped around the necks of your

#### family members

# Don't Just Sit There, Do Something!

- Get down on your knees and intercede
- Sanctify a fast Have faith in God

# Don't Just Sit There, Do Something!

- The coffee was still brewing
- The beans were still simmering
- The roast was still roasting
- The bacon was still sizzling

# The four desperate Lepers.....

# They <u>Ate</u> the food - <u>Buried</u> the treasures - <u>Wore</u> the clothes

*What they* had received <u>almost persuaded them to **forget** *why they*</u> had received it.

WHAT and WHY are two words which hold life and death, blessing and cursing

- <u>What they had received was incredible</u>
- But <u>why</u> they received it <u>was awesome</u>

Psalms 103 may be the "Mt. Everest" of praise psalms. It exalts the soul to breath-taking heights.

**Psalm 103:7** - He made known <u>his ways</u> to Moses, <u>his deeds</u> to the people of Israel:

To Israel God revealed His acts (The What)

To Moses God revealed His ways (The Why)

<u>We do not have a problem</u> comprehending the doctrines of <u>WHAT we have</u> <u>We have a problem</u> with comprehending the doctrine of <u>WHY we have it</u>

# WHAT we have:

• Holy Spirit – Anointing - Truth

An Acts 2:38 Message – Repent and be Baptized, in the name of Jesus!!

• A One-God Revelation

But the most convicting and investigative question is WHY do we have it

• To hoard it - To bury it - To consume it

We are much like the four lepers -

• We found it - We ate it - We buried it - We wear it

# Esther had it all!!!!!!!!! Queen of Persia

- Her <u>God given beauty</u> –
- God had elevated her to the lofty position Of being queen
- The threat of the holocaust of the Jews <u>was God's primary purpose</u> for her promotion.

# The tools given to her for deliverance were also the touchstones of <u>her greatest</u> temptation.

- She was in a fortified comfort zone
- Vast <u>wardrobes</u> Untold <u>wealth</u> <u>Servants</u> to fulfill her every whim
- WHAT she had could easily seduce her to forget WHY she had it

#### The church

- We are the <u>King's kids</u>
- We <u>know our rights</u> and our privileges
- We relish our <u>claim to authority</u> over - -
- Demons and sickness
- Untold <u>spiritual wealth</u>
- Fortified in our spiritual comfort zones

**Mordecai - Esther 4:14 -** <sup>14</sup> For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

- Esther and Mordecai **believed in God's care....**
- And because the acted at the right time....
- God used them to save HIS people!!!!!!!

#### We sit in a nation

• Cursed with Sickness - Bludgeoned by violence -Drowning in crime

#### And our witness through the media is

- Ministers with Rolex watches
- Limousine cars
- Soliciting prostitutes

#### We don't need to just sit here, we need to Do Something

# Revival does not solely come through the avenues of faith and trust

#### Revival can come simply through the avenue of obedience to God's will

1. Ezekiel 37:3 "Can these bones live?" (Spiritually dead condition)

# 2. Jonah 1:2 "Go to Nineveh" (You can run but you cant hide)

Whale – The biggest taxi you have ever seen

# 3. Four lepers - No faith but God did it

# We are not doing right. This is a day of good tidings (News) if we hold our peace

#### something tragic will come on us.

#### Let us go tell everyone what has happened.

- David at Ziklag
- Amalekites Burned the city
- Kidnapped their wives and their children
- Israel wanted to stone David to death

# 1 Samuel 30:6 – But David found strength in the Lord His GOD!!!!

#### If there was no David - No Jesus

- No David No Calvary
- No David No Blood
- No David No Salvation

# David encouraged "himself" in the Lord

- No one to *pat him on the back*
- No one to *participate in his pity party*

David did something, <u>he encouraged himself in the Lord</u>

1 Samuel 30:7 - God said pursue and you will recover all -

A dying slave was the missing link to recovering what the enemy had stolen from them. (Egyptian slave of the Amalekite) cruelly Abandoned by his master

- *Treat those you meet with <u>respect and dignity</u>* no matter how insignificant they seem.
- You never know how <u>God may use them to help you</u>....

He led them – David destroyed the Amalekites!!!!!

- Without us they will die in the desert of sin
- <u>Without them we will wander</u> around <u>aimlessly and cluelessly</u> searching for revival

**<u>CLOSE</u>**: What are you looking for?

Do you want a miracle? Don't Just Sit There, Do Something! Do you want Forgiveness? Don't Just Sit There, Do Something! Do you want revival? Don't Just Sit There, Do Something! Do you want a prayer answered? Don't Just Sit There, Do Something! Do you want to be healed? Don't Just Sit There, Do Something! Do you want the Holy Ghost? Don't Just Sit There, Do Something! Do you want to be baptized in Jesus' Name? Don't Just Sit There, Do Something!