

Come up Higher – “ARISE”

1. Time to Arise

Jesus is saying to us, calling us to “ARISE” to **COME UP HIGHER**, to live from the **HIGHER POSITION** – our place of our authority.

- **Above the physical world we live in / over the natural, sense realm / reality / symptom realm.**

Luke 8:41, 42 & 49-55

2. Arise to where? / Arise to what?

- **It is a Place and a Position**

Luke 22:67-70 (NLT)

*But from now on the Son of Man will be seated in **the place of power at God’s right hand.***

- **At Jesus Ascension disciples confirmed Jesus - position**

*sat down at the **right hand of God.***

Mark 16:19(NKJV)

- **Paul reaffirms Christ’ Place & Position**

Ephesians 1:19 - 20

Christ is Placed at God’s right hand in heavenly places – in a position of power forever.

- **As Christians - there is a *Place* (mindset/belief/ faith) and a *Position* (status/Influence/appointment) of authority we are to live from**

- **We are raised up to sit with Him in Position and in a Place of authority.**

Ephesians 2:6

- **PLACE - Seated Together with Christ – Right Hand – Heavenly Places**

- **POSITION - Seated in Christ’s Authority – we share in His Authority – as Children of God we are Joint Heirs with Christ**

3. The Right Hand is used symbolically in scripture.

- **Authority & Sovereignty**

Revelation 5:1, 7(NKJV)

Authority and Sovereignty was won by Christ on the cross, conquering death.

- **Rulership**

Matt 25:32-33(NLT), Revelation 1:16 (NKJV)

- **Blessing**

Ephesians 1:3 (NLT)

- **Strength - Against the enemy**

The Enemy is anything that doesn’t bring life to us, it diminishes us – sickness/lack/demonic influences/atmospheres/conflict.

Exodus 15:6, Exodus 15:12, Psalm 138:7 (NKJV)

- **Strength - Physical/Mental/Emotional**

Isaiah 41:10

- **Protection**

Psalms 121:5 (AMPC)

- **Provision**

Psalms 16:11

When Scripture uses the image of the right hand, it is meant to be a picture of the pinnacle of our God’s Authority, Rulership, Blessing, Strength, Protection and Provision that we as born-again believers are backed with in our lives. The value of our Authority rests on the power that’s behind that authority

In Christ we have Power and Authority against the enemy.

Matt 28:18 (NKJV), Luke 10:19 (NKJV)

Example: Policeman’s Authority

Question??

Are we using the right-hand authority or is our right hand in our pocket underutilised?

4. Stretch out Your Right Hand

Luke 6:6-11

Luke’s account of the man *with **the withered right hand.*** You can find the same story in *Matthew 12:9-13, Mark 3:1-6. **Luke is the only one who mentions it’s a right hand.*** As we’ve just discussed ***the right-hand matters...so let’s look at this with authority in mind***

- **Withered right hands of authority.**

One man is restricted by his physical body - his withered right hand.

The Scribes and Pharisees watched Jesus, analysed, and criticised, sadly they were **people living life with a spiritually withered right hand.** The Scribes and Pharisees were bound up in law, restricted by rules and regulations and the politically correctness of the day. **They did not exercise the authority of their right hand to heal the man.**

The Scribes and Pharisees had **physical right hands that are well and strong but spiritually their hands had been handcuffed.**

This was not work – this was Jesus using His Authority and Power

The man with the physically withered hand responded to Jesus immediately – **He came up higher than any rules or regulations of the day and received a miracle.**

The Scribes and Pharisees **however continued to agree with the wrong mindset** which kept them withered, **kept them spiritually weak, powerless, restricted.**

They could have been the ones healing the man as the disciples of Jesus did.

But - they refused to ARISE come up higher or STRETCH.

This teaching of Jesus became a **physical demonstration** of what we can have both physically and spiritually – we can **ARISE and be healed physically and ARISE in our Power and Authority.**

Some of us are working in this life **with a withered hand.**

Instead of releasing power and authority to change what we have been given authority to do.

*Adam plucked the forbidden fruit, dried up the right hand of the human race,
that is, he deprived man of the power and authority in Christ,
however, **Jesus has restored that power by stretching out His hands on the cross.***

Your right hand signifies a great deal of importance, but what do you do when the hand of power is withered.

- **We are left with a challenge to respond as the man responded to Jesus.**

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STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND

Move into the Power and Authority realm.

We are being backed by all of heaven to live from this position.

Isaiah 41:10, 13 -14 (NKJV)

5. ARISE – STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND

Lame man healed at the gate beautiful

Acts 3:1-8 (NKJV)

- **For years money was the solution to this begging cripple’s plight – His thinking was limiting him. Until He met Peter and John....**
- Peter and John, commissioned by Jesus, given power and authority by Jesus.
- The chapter before (**Acts 2:4**) Peter and John had been filled with the Holy Spirit – dynamite power.
- **They respond with the right- hand of power and authority**, not the world’s answer of money, **they come up higher and say - “what I do have – I give to you”.**

THEY TAKE HIM BY THE RIGHT HAND LIFT HIM UP HIGHER

- They give him what they had.... Power/Healing/Restoration/Joy
- **Strength comes/ ankle bones were strengthened** – Dr Luke - mentions how he leaped, could it be that his bones were jumping into their sockets.
- God put things in their right place.

6. Conclusion

For years you may have thought the answer to your problem was something you had to work at or just live with...

Jesus wants to take your hand like Peter took the lame man’s hand like Jesus took Jairus’ daughters hand and say: **Come out of the physical realm, the restricted thinking realm.**

Today He’s asking you to:

Isaiah 41:10,13-14 (NKJV)

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STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND

Take GOD BY THE RIGHT HAND let him hold your right hand, let Him LIFT YOU UP INTO THE PLACE OF AUTHORITY AND POWER