

Arise, Shine!
A Grateful Heart – Part 5
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- 1) The Lord wants me _____ a blessing, but I focus on _____ a blessing!
 - a) "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and **you will be a blessing**. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and **all peoples on earth will be blessed** through you." Gen 12:2-3 NIV
 - b) We should **please others**. If we do what helps them, we will build them up in the Lord. For even Christ didn't please himself...May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other--**each with the attitude of Christ Jesus toward the other**. Rom 15:2-6 NLT
- 2) If I _____ my _____, they will be with me _____.
 - But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.'" Jer 1:7NIV
 - "But they all alike **begin to make excuses**. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'" Luke 14:18 NIV
 - The **lazy person is full of excuses**, saying, "If I go outside, I might meet a lion in the street and be killed!" Prov 22:13 NLT
 - Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the terrible anger of God comes upon all those who disobey him. Eph 5:5-7 NLT
- 3) Let the _____ of God _____ me to: _____, His thoughts, _____ His will, _____ His name.
 - "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my

- thoughts than your thoughts. Isa 55:8-9 NIV
- so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it. Isa 55:11 RSV
 - May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom 15:5-6 NIV
- 4) I am camped by the _____
_____. I will step out in _____ and _____ it! The conditions for enjoying the Promised Land and Life are the same now as they were then.
 - 1) Drive out all the inhabitants of the land before you.
 - 2) Destroy all their carved images and their cast idols, and demolish all their high places.
 - 3) Take possession of the land and settle in it, Num 33:52-53 NIV
 - 4) Do not intermarry with them...for they will turn your sons away from following Me to serve other gods, Deut 7:2-4 NIV
 - 1) Drive out inhabitants -> **Don't make peace with your bad habits**
 - 2) Destroy idols -> **Center your life in Christ, not money, power**
 - 3) Occupy all the land -> **Claim all the promises**
 - 4) Don't intermarry -> **Don't compromise His Word or Will with culture**
 - 5) Hear, O Sligo, and **be careful to love the Lord with all your heart, all your mind, and all your strength, and to you're your neighbor as yourself. And be careful to obey His teachings** so that it may go well with you and **that you may increase** greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you. Deut 4 - 6