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Power Quote

We must be ever be thankful for small miracles, and ever hopeful for receiving greater ones.

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Glossary

Apostle

An apostle is a person or disciple with a special calling and commission to represent Christ in the New Testament, the apostle is also wone who has seen or witnessed Christ.

Disciple

A disciple is a student follower or learner. The term is used most specifically to describe a believer who observes the life and teaching of Jesus.

Pentecost

An annual Jewish celebration that commemorates the end of the harvest season. It takes place on the 50th day after Passover, and is also referred to as the Feat of Weeks or the Feast of Harvest.

Prayer

Lord, thank you for influence that you have given me. Help me never to take my leadership responsibility for granted. Help me to demonstrate my appreciation to You by remaining faithful and attentive. In your Name I pray, **amen.**

Awakened

Scripture Concentration

On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting. Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead. Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “He’s alive!” Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left. The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.

Acts 20:7-12

Observation

Have you ever fallen asleep church? Has church ever taken so long that remaining in the spirit seemed impossible? In the case of Eutychus, he not only fell asleep, but while sleep, he fell out of the window, broke his neck and died.

This catastrophic event interrupted Paul’s preaching. Paul stopped preaching to minister to Eutychus, and bring him back to life. Like Eutychus, today’s church has nodded off. All one has to do is to look at the loss of influence and relevancy today’s church has on the culture, and it will conclude that the church has fallen asleep. It is bad to know that the church has fallen asleep, but it’s worst to know that while asleep, the falls of some of our churches have been fatal.

When the death of a church occurs, many begin mourning and planning the funeral of the church, but the call of God is to raise that church back to life. We should not be in the business of memorializing churches, but resurrecting them.

Drugs have deadened our emotions. Our potential is being murdered by poverty and illiteracy. Our purpose is being assassinated by drugs and underground economies. Our families are dying daily from infidelity, pornography and cyber-sex affairs. It’s resurrection time! It’s time to resurrect our communities it. It’s time to resurrect our families and friends. It’s time to wake up the church and bring it back to life.

Questions to Ponder

1. When was the last time you caught someone sleeping in church? What did they miss while they were sleeping?

2. Name a person for which you have had, or have part responsibility for their personal faith and walk with Christ. How are they doing? Is there anything you wish you would have done differently?
