

# The Power of a Shadow

09:55 am **5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO**

10:00 am **\*\*LIVE Worship –**

10:25 am **\*\*LIVE In House Welcome –**

WELCOME to The Peak CC

Welcome our Church Online Platform –

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord & expound on His Word.

If this is your 1st time or perhaps you've been with us before but haven't engaged... Please fill out

**\*Online Connect Card \*** -> RightNow Media

*Opening Prayer* - Blessing of Contributions -

10:30 AM **\*\*Announcements Video** - Tithing

10:32am **LIVE SHOT** – Welcome - Pastor *Self Intro* -

**Operation Christmas Box: Online Share - Build - Sponsor**

**Sunday School: 1st things 1st 9am Sundays 2nd floor.**

**Bowling Night: Thursday Night 11/03 at 7pm**

**Ranch work date: Saturday November 5th. Partnering w/ Randy & Lakeview Community Church from Noon - 4pm - text / email**

**NEXT WEEK ONLINE ONLY!!! - CHILL AT HOME W/ OUR E-FAM...**

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## SHADOWS

things that lurk in the night.. in a season that makes almost all things seem dark... I was challenged to look at our shadows....

Not necessarily the ones we cast.... . But what about the ones that are cast on us?

If you live in the shadow of someone or in their shadow, their achievements and abilities are so great that you are not noticed or valued.

We are all born under someone's shadow... like it or not... fair or not... we ALL need to own it.

Our Parents, whether biological, or Foster, a shadow is cast over you...

For some of us:

1. It might be a kind, strong life-giving shadow.

2. While for others – not so blessed or great

\*Your shadow might be one that is filled with brutality, violence, the smell of alcohol, & or other addictions....

\*Moments of covering fearfully in corners

3. For others – aching emptiness where the memory of a father's or mother's shadow ought to be... Instead we find ourselves ALONE & vulnerable

*But we all – exist & labor under that shadow*

It makes us who we are & shapes the people we want to be

Spanish culture... strong sense of studying or doing what your parents did.. FAMILY BUSINESS..

Today.... everyone is taught individualism. You have to fight for a position of influence, We're living in a culture that fights for the spotlight...

*Next Viral tic toc, the next hot youtuber, who's the next influencer.*

We're taught that we should NEVER live under someone else's shadow. that Shadows conceal the true value of an individual...

Have you ever considered that people are living in **YOUR** Shadow ?

1. **Some by Choice** – they see something in you they want to be close to
2. **Pure proximity** - people you work with or family (examples)
3. **Accidentally** - Soccer Mom / Gym / Coffee shop (examples)

*They ask when watching you.*

- Is that the kind of man / woman I want to be?

**2 Corinthians 3:2-3** New King James Version

*You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; 3 clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.*

- Someone in your shadow is watching closely and based on the activity and testimony of your life: Will determine if they want to be a follower of Jesus !!!

*Your shadow has influence whether you want it to have or not*

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It is built into our genetic code to want to be remembered for something - Children “*look what I can do*”

- Most of us want to be remembered for something positive (I believe deep within our souls)
- As we look around us, many have marked history with a mark that is not positive
  - Or, marked with our stuff... Look at what i drive, wear, live
- And even more sad is the life that has remained invisible and *forgettable / unremembered... A shadow that is no longer cast...*

I want to encourage you all with some intentionality, regarding the shadow you are UNDER & the one you are casting...

1. Your shadow has influence whether you want it to have or not

- Intentional or unintentional influence

- A life casting a Godly shadow, will influence for good - will move others onto God's agenda.

- A compromised self-centered shadow causes those in your shadow to drift - people only buy into a vision that is bigger than you.

2. Your shadow is always consistent with your LIFE.

You cannot project a reflection that is different from the your true self

The difference between projection & reflection.

Social media is a world of projection... perfect lighting... make sure the fit is right.... high end camera w/ lens... let me get in a good position with the right angle for the perfect shot.... click click... #authenticchristianity ..

if We are to stop “projecting” & start “reflecting”... We MUST surrender to His Will..

A couple of places to test your Project vs. Reflect

- Your *kindness* - strangers / your *anger* - loved ones

- Your *faith* - Trust God? / your *fear* - Lacking Trust??

- *Compassion* - hurting / your *apathy* - indifference / someone else's prob

3. An Impactful shadow comes from a life impacted by God's Presence!  
The work in our lives through His Spirit for His Purpose:

“ Go to the potter's house and watch...”

Jeremiah 18:2 New Living Translation (NLT)

“Go down to the potter's shop, and I will speak to you there.”

If we want to have a lasting impact – yield to

- God's Hands: HE is the One to mold & shape us.... and
- God's design. It's His Purpose that will determine your design.
- God's process. The Master craftsmen KNOW how to handle the clay...

4. Our greatest impact does not come from our access to many but our access to few- “The power of proximity”

• I can Inspire you from a distance.. e-fam... one of the disadvantages... ***I know it has a short shelf life. Not very impactful***

• Impact needs proximity to be lasting. It has to be personal. encourage e-fam to connect. \*NEXT WEEK ONLINE ONLY— fill out connect forms online.

Jesus drew Zacheais down from the tree... away from the crowds.. into the privacy of his own home for a dinner that changed the history of the world...

I'm not saying that these things are bad as tools.... to get to the objective... **But when the tools become the objective themselves... *we've lost our way....***

A. We think stages and crowds – God thinks coffee shops and relationships

B. We see websites and followers – God sees ordinary 1:1 conversations. interpersonal lives.

C. We see conference and campaigns - God sees doing life together

John 4:39 (NRSV)

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony,

“He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.

And many more believed because of his word.

They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”



Woman at the well Jesus paid attention to the ONE and turned the whole village

Do you want your Shadow to impact? Continually point people to Jesus..

5. Obeying the impulses of God, taking the “7 second” risk

- The power of “7 seconds” - grocery store inclination. “Divine Appointments” - God, do you REALLY want me to share Christ w/ this person?... Can you give me sign?? Burrito?

*The power of our shadow is not for status but for service*

Hi. Excuse me, I don't mean to interrupt your day, as I was walking by I just felt a strong inclination to *pray* for you.... I'm not sure where you are with your *faith or spirituality*.... But I believe in the power of prayer & *Jesus* has become very real in my life... Is there anything you need prayer for?? Can I pray for you?

Acts 20:24 (NLT)

But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God

What are your intentions for your shadow??

The devil will cast fear over you.. He too has a shadow to cast...

I'd like to remind you what King David wrote in the 23rd Psalm....

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil;**

**For You are with me;**

**Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

shadow of death..... vs ..... SHADOW of LIFE

Psalm 91:1-2 NKJV

**He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High**

**Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**

**I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress;**

**My God, in Him I will trust.**

What are your intentions for your shadow?? I know what mine are.

**God opposes the proud ... *get out the spotlight....* But gives GRACE to the humble. ... do your good works in secret & God will reward you openly...**

Acts 5:14-16 NKJV

And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, 15 so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. 16 Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

*What are your intentions for your shadow?*

**As you close your eyes & bow your heads.... Is God moving you to action? Do you sense that God is speaking to YOU??**

**As we close in prayer... and you want this prayer to include YOU.... would you quickly raise your hand...**

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**If this was the 1<sup>st</sup> time that you really dedicated yourself to Jesus... Recognize Him as NOT only your Savior.... But also, your KING...**

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***“The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you,  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.”***

**I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!**

***Next week we'll begin our next sermon series ....***