Running With The Giants Isaiah May 6, 2018

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Isaiah 31:1 What sorrow awaits those who look to Egypt for help, trusting their horses, chariots, and charioteers and depending on the strength of human armies instead of looking to the Lord, the Holy One of Israel.

Key Statement: Everyone ends up <u>somewhere</u>; few people end up somewhere on <u>purpose</u>.

Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no <u>vision</u>, the people perish..."

How do you get a vision from God?

✓ Recognize your need of Him.

Isaiah 6:1-4 In the year that **King Uzziah died**, **I saw the Lord**, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim... And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

✓ Repent when you need to.

Isaiah 6:5 "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

✓ Release your <u>will</u> to go where <u>He</u> tells you.

Isaiah 6:6-8 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Isaiah's Words of Encouragement:

1. Don't give up; through God all things are possible.

Isaiah 43:18-19 But forget all that—it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.

2. Stay moldable by your willingness to take a next step.

Isaiah 22:20-22 And then I will call my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah to replace you. I will dress him in your royal robes and will give him your title and your authority. And he will be a father to the people of Jerusalem and Judah. I will give him the key to the house of David—the highest position in the royal court. When he opens doors, no one will be able to close them; when he closes doors, no one will be able to open them.

3. God has an <u>assignment</u> for you to do.

Isaiah 60:1-3 "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn."

Walk Away: I need to discover my purpose.