

# SLEEPING IN CHURCH

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## I. INTRODUCTION

**Acts 20:7** 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.

**Acts 20:8** There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting.

**Acts 20:9** 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.

**Acts 20:10** Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. “Don't be alarmed,” he said. “He's alive!”

**Acts 20:11** 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.

## II. FOUR OBSERVATIONS FROM SLEEPING IN CHURCH

### *1. Life Brings Seasons of Urgency*

- *Opportunity brings urgency.*

**Ephesians 5:15-16** Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

#### **A. Urgency has purpose.**

**Acts 20:24 (ESV)** But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

#### **B. Urgency has timing.**

**Colossians 4:5** Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

**Psalms 90:12** Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

### **C. Urgency has responsibility.**

**Luke 12:48** From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

## ***2. The Enemy of Urgency is Complacency***

**Acts 20:9** Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on.

### **A. Exhaustion causes complacency.**

**1 Kings 19:3-5** Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

**Galatians 6:9** Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

### **B. Comfort causes complacency.**

**2 Samuel 11:1** In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

### **C. Familiarity causes complacency.**

**Judges 16:20** Then she called, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" He awoke from his sleep and thought, "I'll go out as before and shake myself free." But he did not know that the Lord had left him.

### **D. Sin causes complacency.**

## ***3. Complacency in Times of Urgency Leads to Tragedy***

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### **A. When you sleep in your window, you miss what is important.**

### **B. When you sleep in your window, you put yourself in jeopardy.**

**1 Corinthians 10:12** So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

**C. When you sleep in your window, you hinder others.**

**4. *When Others See Death, God Sees Life.***

**A. Wake up to faith.**

**Acts 20:10** Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "He's alive!"

**B. Wake up to action.**

**Ephesians 5:14** This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

**Romans 13:11-12** And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.