HAVEN OF REST BIBLE CHURCH • SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Men Arise: Responding to the Call of God

Sunday - November 15, 2026 • PM Service

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Speaker: Pastor David Spivey | **Primary Text:** Ezra 10:4; 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 | **Supporting Scriptures:** Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Joshua 1:9; Proverbs 27:17; Isaiah 6:8; Ezekiel 22:30; Matthew 22:37-39; Acts 11:22-26; Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 5:18, 25-29; Ephesians 6:4; 2 Timothy 2:2; Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 John 1:7



Three covenant pillars of godly manhood—seeking God daily, walking in Spirit-filled purity, and serving faithfully—anchored upon the call of Ezra 10:4.

Core Message: God is calling men and young people in this generation to rise above shallow cultural living, surrender completely to Jesus Christ, and walk in the fullness of the Holy Spirit with both humility and courage. Through genuine heart transformation, accountable brotherhood, and faithful love at home and in the church, one yielded life creates an enduring ripple effect that reaches broken marriages, local congregations, and even remote villages.

1. Primary Scripture Reading

> **4** Arise; for this matter belongeth unto thee: we also will be with thee: be of good courage, and do it.
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> **13** Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. **14** Let all your things be done with charity.
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> **— EZRA 10:4; 1 CORINTHIANS 16:13–14 (KJV)**

2. The Biblical Foundation: Answering the Call to Arise (Ezra 10:4 & Historical Context)

Every genuine spiritual awakening begins when ordinary believers stop waiting for someone else to fix what is broken and personally answer the call of God. At the climax of the Men Arise commitment read aloud at Haven of Rest Bible Church, the congregation anchored its charge in **Ezra 10:4**: *"Arise; for this matter belongeth unto thee: we also will be with thee: be of good courage, and do it."* To understand why this verse carries such weight for Christian men and youth today, we must step back into the historical crisis of post-exilic Jerusalem around 458 B.C.

Ezra the scribe had returned from Babylon with a sacred mandate to teach God's Law and restore pure worship. Yet upon arriving in Judea, he discovered that even priests, Levites, and leaders had compromised covenant boundaries by marrying into idolatrous nations—repeating the very sin that had sent Judah into seventy years of Babylonian captivity. Overwhelmed by grief, Ezra tore his garments, fell on his knees before the temple, and wept in intercessory repentance (Ezra 9:3–15). While Ezra prayed, a great congregation of men, women, and children

gathered around him weeping bitterly. Then a man named Shechaniah stepped forward and spoke the immortal words of Ezra 10:4.

- **"Arise" (Hebrew: *qum*):** This verb commands decisive upward movement—standing up from passive sorrow or spiritual lethargy to take action. Tears of regret are not enough; repentance must rise to its feet in concrete obedience.
- **"For this matter belongeth unto thee":** Leadership cannot be outsourced. God had placed responsibility directly into the hands of those present. From a Wesleyan-Arminian perspective, divine grace never erases human responsibility; rather, God's prevenient grace awakens our conscience so that we willingly choose our duty.
- **"We also will be with thee":** God never intends His servants to stand alone. Shechaniah promised corporate solidarity—brotherhood standing shoulder to shoulder in hard obedience.
- **"Be of good courage, and do it" (Hebrew: *chazaq*):** To be of good courage means to grip firmly, strengthen one's resolve, and follow through until the reformation is complete.

> **Holiness Doctrine & Word Study: Prevenient Grace and Moral Responsibility**
> In Wesleyan-Arminian Conservative Holiness theology, God initiates every good work through **prevenient grace**—the drawing, convicting, and enabling light of Christ given to all people (John 1:9). Yet grace does not force the human will like a machine. When Ezra 10:4 says *"Arise; for this matter belongeth unto thee... be of good courage, and do it,"* Scripture affirms real moral agency. God supplies the grace to rise, but you must choose to stand up, forsake sin, and obey.

Church Heritage Note: “Rise Up, O Men of God!”

During the service, the church sang William Pierson Merrill’s historic 1911 hymn: *“Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things; give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.”* Merrill wrote those lines after realizing the church cannot drift forward on half-hearted devotion. Revival fires ignite when believers lay aside trivial pursuits (“lesser things”) and offer their whole heart, soul, mind, and strength to Christ.

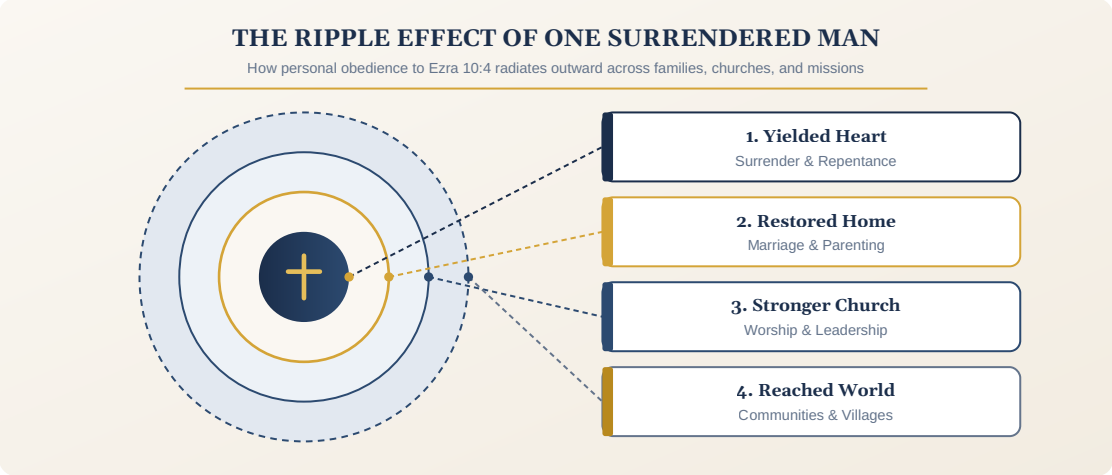


Figure 1: Just as ripples expand from a single stone dropped into water, one man rising up in obedience transforms his home, strengthens his local church, and carries gospel light to dark places.

3. As Go the Men, So Goes the Church: Humility, Courage, and Enduring Transformation

Pastor David Spivey began the service by sharing his favorite photograph from the year: the men of Haven of Rest Bible Church standing at the front of the

sanctuary worshiping God with all their hearts. Out of that moment came a sobering spiritual law: *"As go the men of Haven of Rest Bible Church, so will go this church."* Scripture repeatedly confirms this principle. When men abdicate spiritual leadership—like Adam standing silent in Eden or Eli failing to restrain his sons—homes and congregations suffer. Conversely, when men rise in the power of the Holy Spirit to lead with **both humility and courage**, entire congregations catch fire.

Notice that Pastor Spivey deliberately paired two virtues the world treats as opposites: **humility** and **courage**. Worldly masculinity equates courage with pride, harshness, and dominance, while confusing humility with weakness. Biblical manhood unites them in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master. Look at **1 Corinthians 16:13–14**: *"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity."*

- **"Quit you like men" (Greek: *andrizomai*):** A single vivid verb meaning "act with mature, courageous, steadfast resolve." It calls believers out of spiritual childishness into disciplined spiritual adulthood.
- **"Be strong" (Greek: *krataioo*):** To be fortified with divine strength—not self-reliance, but Spirit-infused endurance against temptation and cultural pressure.
- **"Let all your things be done with charity" (Greek: *agape*):** Courage without sacrificial love becomes arrogance. Every stand for truth must be saturated with Christlike tenderness toward God and people.

Over four years of Men Arise—impacting more than 1,300 men this year alone across events in New York, Indiana, Colorado, and Florida—Pastor Spivey observed something far greater than conference excitement: **an enduring work**. Many people experience an emotional high at a retreat or youth camp, only to drift back into old habits two weeks later. True Wesleyan holiness rejects shallow emotionalism. God desires deep, lasting heart transformation where broken men keep growing, serving, and maturing long after the altar service ends.

In Plain English — Youth Heart-Check: Camp High vs. Tuesday Morning
Have you ever gone to youth camp or a revival meeting, cried at the altar, felt super close to God on Friday night, and then felt completely cold by the time Tuesday morning rolled around at school? That happens when we rely on **feelings** instead of **surrender and daily habits**. Feelings are like fireworks—bright for ten seconds, then gone. Enduring faith is like a campfire fed with wood every day through prayer, Bible reading, confessing sin immediately, and staying tight with godly friends.

Spiritual Condition	Heart Posture & Daily Habits	Spiritual Outcome
Temporary Emotional Spark	Stirred by music, crowd energy, or crisis fear; neglects daily Word, prayer, and accountability after the event.	Fades within two weeks; returns to secret sins and spiritual discouragement (Luke 8:13).
Nominal Cultural Religion	Attends services outwardly and knows church vocabulary, yet withholds full surrender and tolerates compromise.	Powerless witness; fails to influence home, workplace, or school for righteousness (2 Timothy 3:5).
Enduring Spirit-Formed Life	Repents thoroughly, consecrates fully, walks in Spirit fullness, and practices daily Word, prayer, and brotherhood.	Steady maturity, restored relationships, holy influence, and lasting Kingdom fruit (John 15:5–8).

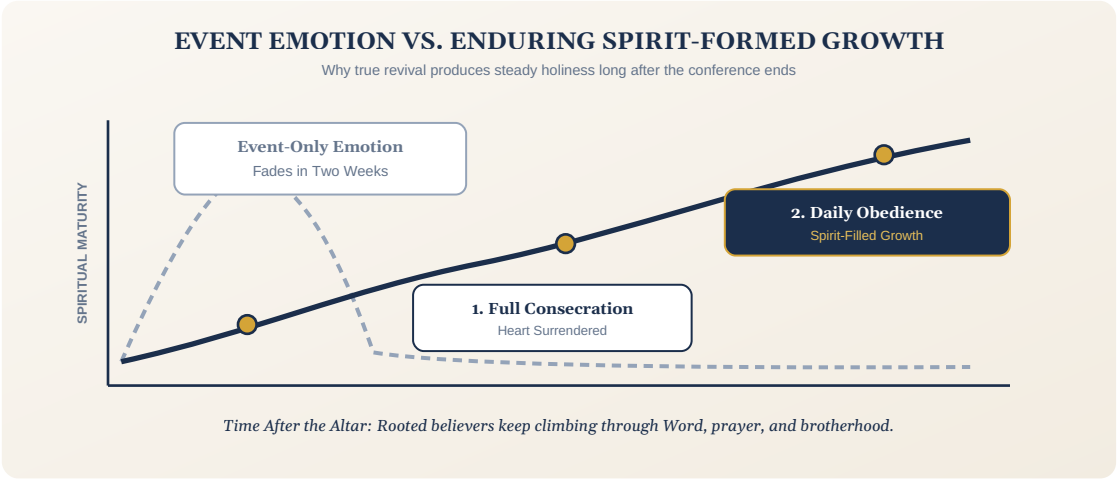


Figure 2: Emotional sparks drop back to old habits within weeks, whereas genuine repentance and full consecration initiate an upward trajectory of lifelong holiness.

4. Trophy Cases of Grace: Stories of Restoration, Consecration, and Mission

Pastor Spivey did not speak in abstract theories; he pointed to living testimonies of God's rebuilding power. Every testimony shared in the sermon illustrates a specific biblical pattern of how God rescues, sanctifies, and deploys surrendered lives for His Kingdom.

- **Josh and Kalina (Rebuilding Broken Places):** Coming from a strict religious background and owning successful businesses, Josh arrived at Men Arise in New York in a deep, dark pit of sin. Reaching a pivotal crisis point, he humbled himself, sought God, and even asked for a piece of the wooden platform as a memorial of surrender. Later in Florida, Josh arrived early, rented an Airbnb, and brought his wife Kalina. Watching Kalina meet the godly men in Josh's life and serve joyfully in the kitchen all week proved that God does not merely forgive isolated individuals—He restores marriages and rebuilds what sin destroyed (Joel 2:25).
- **John and Stephen (Consecrated Talents):** Met profoundly by God in Seymour, Indiana, in 2024 and renewed again in May, Stephen allowed God to take what

was already in his hand—his developed skill as an auctioneer—and turn it into a Kingdom instrument. Through those auctions, between $400,000 and $500,000 was raised in a single year to advance godly manhood. Like Moses' rod or the boy's five loaves, ordinary skills become extraordinary when laid on God's altar.

- **Ethan (Honoring a Godly Legacy):** Following his father's passing, young Ethan stepped forward to carry on his father's online knife business and repeatedly donated items to support the mission. God raises up young men who steward family heritage for eternal purposes.
- **Jeff Deeter, Philip Crouch, and Three Young Alaskan Native Men (Light in the Darkness):** Jeff Deeter has poured his life into reaching young Native American men in remote Alaskan villages scarred by despair and suicide—returning home early in May after one young man's brother took his own life. Three or four years earlier in Colorado, God had delivered and called a man named Philip Crouch to preach and sent him to Alaska to labor alongside Jeff. This year, three young Alaskan men traveled all the way to Florida, heard the gospel, and requested the one hymn they knew at the Thursday night altar service: *"I Saw the Light."*
- **The Ladies' Wednesday Prayer Call & Haven of Rest's Sacrifice:** Behind the visible front lines, praying women gather weekly on Zoom to bring "wind in the sails of this movement," while the congregation of Haven of Rest Bible Church sacrifices generously so Pastor Spivey can invest in this "vine of divine planting."

Biblical Character / Element	Historical Role	Spiritual Type / Picture	Holiness Truth & Application
Ezra & the Altar Platform	Scribe who knelt weeping before the temple, calling Israel back to covenant obedience (Ezra 9–10).	Pictures the crisis point of honest brokenness where Josh asked for a piece of the platform as an Ebenezer stone.	Never despise a crisis that drives you to your knees; memorialize your surrender and walk away from secret sin.
Bezalel & the Boy's Loaves	Craftsman filled with the Spirit for tabernacle work (Ex. 31:3); youth who gave five loaves to Jesus (John 6:9).	Pictures Stephen's auctioneering talent and Ethan's family knife business laid at Christ's feet.	God does not waste your natural abilities or trade skills—consecrate your career and hobbies to advance the gospel.
Philip the Evangelist & Macedonia Call	Driven outward by the Spirit to reach neglected Samaritans and the Ethiopian official (Acts 8:5–39).	Pictures Philip Crouch's deliverance in Colorado leading directly to his call to serve alongside Jeff Deeter in Alaska.	Personal deliverance prepares you for missionary compassion; let God turn your healed past into someone else's lifeline.
Anna & the Upper Room Intercessors	Widow serving night and day with fastings and prayers (Luke 2:37); believers	Pictures the Wednesday Ladies' Prayer Call and Haven of	No spiritual movement advances without unseen intercessors; prayer and

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	praying continually (Acts 1:14).	Rest's sacrificial support.	sacrificial giving put wind in the sails of revival.

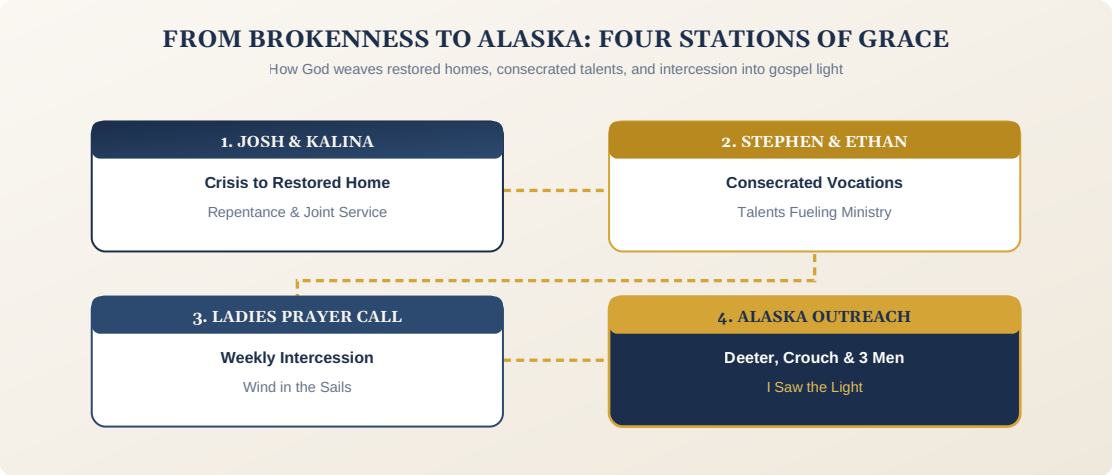


Figure 3: God connects transformed marriages, yielded careers, and faithful prayer warriors to carry the light of Christ to hopeless villages.

5. The Triad of Godly Mentorship: Needing a Paul, a Barnabas, and a Timothy

Before walking through the Ten Commitments, Pastor Spivey highlighted the second closing section of the Men Arise handbook: **The Commitment to Godly Mentorship**. One of the greatest strategies of Satan is isolation. Lone-ranger Christians rarely survive fierce temptation. When a believer has no older voice correcting blind spots, no peer sharpening his resolve, and no younger believer looking to his example, compromise quietly creeps in.

God designed spiritual growth inside a living three-directional network modeled directly in the New Testament—especially in **2 Timothy 2:2** (*"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also"*) and **Acts 11:22–26**.

1. You Need a Paul

Every believer needs a seasoned, godly mentor walking further down the road of holiness. A Paul models perseverance, speaks honest correction when you drift, and teaches you how to handle Scripture, family, and trials with wisdom (1 Corinthians 11:1).

2. You Need a Barnabas

You need a spiritual peer walking beside you on a similar stage of life. Named "Son of Encouragement" (Acts 4:36), a Barnabas stands by you when others doubt, checks on your purity, prays with you weekly, and sharpens you like iron sharpens iron (Proverbs 27:17).

3. You Need a Timothy

Spiritual maturity stalls when you only receive and never give away. You need a younger believer or new convert whom you intentionally encourage, model integrity for, and invite along in prayer and service so the gospel passes to the next generation (2 Timothy 2:2).

In Plain English — Youth Heart-Check: Who Is in Your Circle?
Look at your closest friends and influencers right now. Do you have a **Paul**—a pastor, youth leader, godly parent, or older Christian you actually listen to when they warn you about a bad attitude or relationship? Do you have a **Barnabas**—a friend your age who wants to stay pure and pushes you toward Jesus instead of toward dirty jokes or compromise? And is there a **Timothy**—a younger sibling, teammate, or middle-schooler watching how you live?

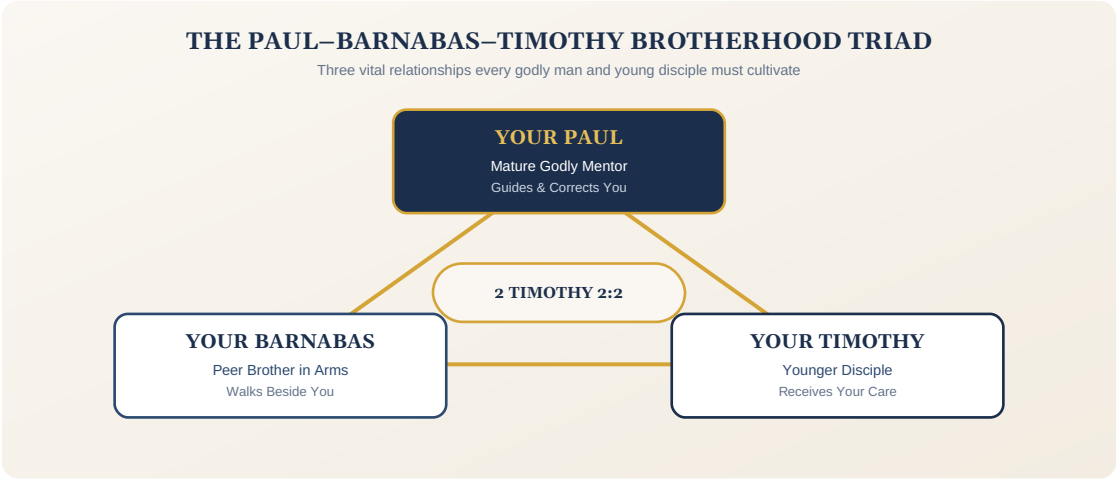


Figure 4: Healthy Christian growth flows downward from a Paul, sideways with a Barnabas, and outward into a Timothy.

6. Commitments 1–4: The Vertical Foundation—Supreme Love, Daily Devotion, Purity, and Bold Witness

The preamble to the *Ten Commitments of a Godly Man* sets the non-negotiable motive: *"By God's grace I will be a man who loves God supremely and others sacrificially... I understand that godly manhood today is God's will and therefore my purpose. Knowing this, I wholeheartedly without excuse commit myself to the following."* Notice the phrase **"without excuse."** Modern culture blames upbringing, temperament, or temptation for sin. Holiness takes full responsibility under grace. The first four commitments establish our vertical life before God and our personal integrity before a watching world.

- **Commitment 1 — Supreme Love for God and Sacrificial Love for Others:** Rooted in **Matthew 22:37–39** and **Deuteronomy 6:4–7**. Loving God supremely means nothing—career, sports, comfort, popularity, or even family—sits higher on your heart's throne than Jesus Christ. Out of that first love flows sacrificial love (*agape*) that serves others even when it costs you time, pride, or comfort.

- **Commitment 2 — Daily Seeking God's Face in Prayer and the Word:** Spiritual survival cannot run on Sunday leftovers. Just as Israel gathered manna every morning, believers must seek God's face—not merely His hand for emergencies—daily in Scripture and prayer (Psalm 27:8; Psalm 119:9–11).
- **Commitment 3 — Consistent Obedience, Purity, and Integrity in Every Area:** Integrity means wholeness—you are the exact same person when nobody is watching on your phone at midnight as you are in the church pew on Sunday morning. Purity is not merely avoiding outward scandal; Jesus promised blessing to the *"pure in heart"* (Matthew 5:8), cleansed from double-minded compromise by the blood of Christ (1 John 1:7).
- **Commitment 4 — Boldly Confessing Jesus and Telling Others About Him:** Rooted in **Romans 10:9–10** and **Matthew 28:19–20**. Secret discipleship is a contradiction. If Christ has truly delivered you, gratitude compels you to speak His name boldly at school, on job sites, and among neighbors.

> **Holiness Word Study: Purity (*Katharos*) and Confession (*Homologeo*)**
> In the New Testament, the Greek word for purity (*katharos*, Matthew 5:8; 1 Timothy 1:5) describes gold refined of dross or water completely unmixed with poison. In Wesleyan theology, heart purity is not sinless infallibility of judgment; it is a heart undivided in love toward God, cleansed from inward rebellion and willful sin through faith. Likewise, confession (*homologeo*, Romans 10:9) literally means "to speak the same thing"—openly agreeing with God about who Jesus is and refusing to hide your allegiance.

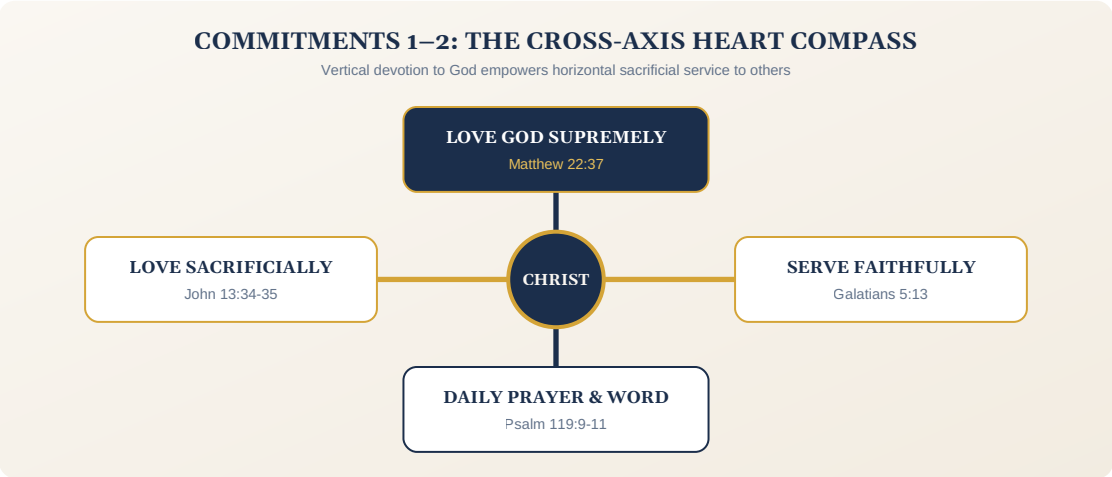


Figure 5: Supreme love for God fed by daily prayer and Scripture produces sacrificial love and faithful service toward people.



Figure 6: Public boldness rings hollow without private integrity, and lasting integrity flows from a heart purified by Jesus Christ.

7. Commitments 5–8: Covenant Faithfulness in Marriage, Fatherhood, Local Church, and Brotherhood

Holiness is never merely private; it proves itself in our closest relationships. Commitments 5 through 8 move directly from personal devotion into the covenant structures God ordained for human flourishing: marriage, parenting, the local church, and accountable Christian brotherhood.

- **Commitment 5 — Loving Your Wife as Christ Loved the Church:** Rooted in **Ephesians 5:25–29**. Notice the wise phrase "if and when married," which speaks directly to both married men and young single men preparing for future covenant life. Biblical headship is never selfish dictatorship; it is cross-shaped sacrifice—giving yourself *to* and *for* your wife, cherishing her spiritually, emotionally, and practically. Young men who treat girls with purity and respect today are training to become Christlike husbands tomorrow.
- **Commitment 6 — Purposefully Loving, Nurturing, and Instructing Children in the Lord:** Rooted in **Ephesians 6:4** and **Deuteronomy 6:6–7**. Fathers cannot outsource spiritual instruction to Sunday school teachers alone. Purposeful nurture means praying with your children, opening the Bible at home, modeling repentance when you fail, and guarding their hearts without harsh provocation.
- **Commitment 7 — Full Commitment to a Local Body of Believers:** Rooted in **Hebrews 10:24–25** and **1 Corinthians 12:12–27**. Men Arise conferences exist to strengthen local churches, never replace them. Being "fully committed and involved" means showing up faithfully, serving quietly, honoring spiritual leadership, and bearing one another's burdens inside a real local congregation.
- **Commitment 8 — Pursuing Accountable Christian Brotherhood:** Notice the two-way commitment: *"both accountable to and accountable for other men."* You invite trusted brothers to ask you hard questions about your eyes, temper,

spending, and devotions (“accountable to”), while faithfully watching over and encouraging your brothers (“accountable for”).

Lead Clearly

A godly man sets a clear spiritual direction in his home and peer group—refusing passivity, naming sin honestly, and pointing others unmistakably toward Christ and Scripture.

Walk Humbly

True strength never boasts or bullies. Walking humbly means being quick to confess wrong, teachable under correction, and eager to treat others as more significant than yourself (Philippians 2:3).

Serve Faithfully

Faithfulness shows up in unglamorous duties—washing dishes, praying for your family, showing up to church workdays, and keeping your word when nobody applauds.

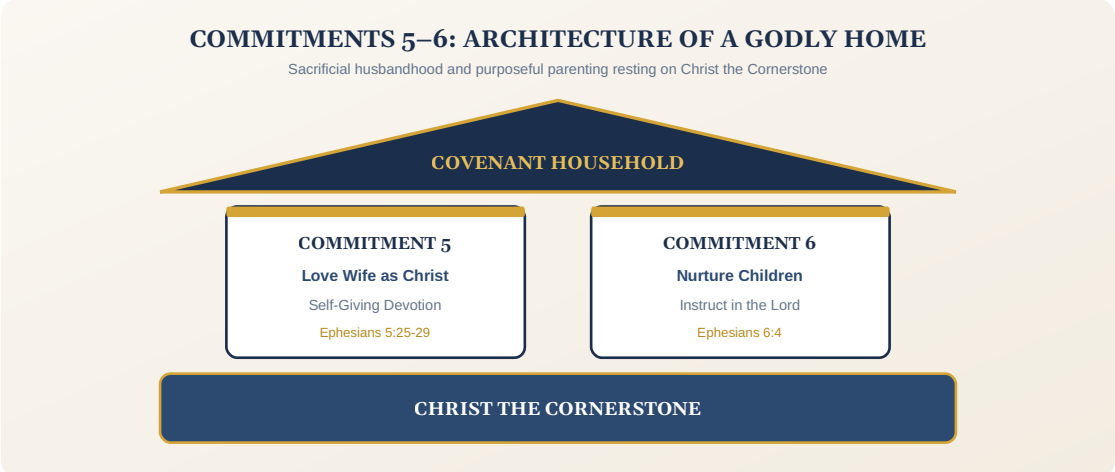


Figure 7: A godly home stands securely when sacrificial marriage and intentional spiritual parenting rest squarely upon Jesus Christ.

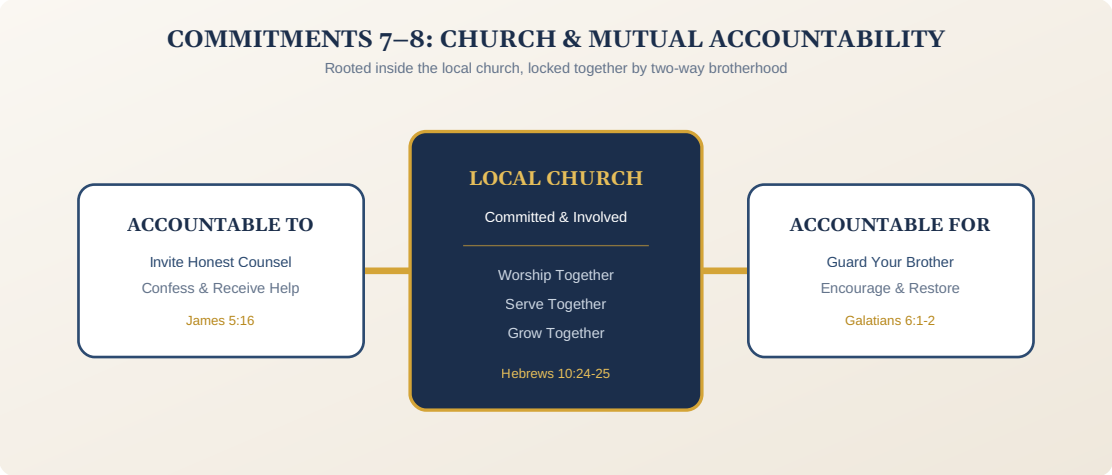


Figure 8: Healthy Christian brotherhood is a two-way street anchored inside a committed local church.

8. Commitments 9–10: Public Righteousness and Walking in the Fullness of the Spirit

The final two commitments explain both our outward mission in a dark culture and the inward divine power that makes all ten commitments possible. Without Commitment 10, Commitments 1 through 9 would collapse into exhausting human willpower. With Commitment 10, God's own Spirit fills and empowers the believer to stand firm anywhere.

- **Commitment 9 — Actively Influencing Workplace, Community, and Beyond Regardless of Cost:** Like Daniel in Babylon (Daniel 1:8; 6:10) and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego before the fiery furnace, godly believers do not blend into corrupt ethics to avoid ridicule. Whether in a high school hallway, a construction crew, a business office, or an auction barn, we stand for truth, honesty, clean speech, and biblical righteousness *"regardless of personal consequences."*
- **Commitment 10 — Seeking for and Walking in the Fullness of the Spirit:** Rooted in **Ephesians 5:18** (*"Be filled with the Spirit"*) and **Galatians 5:16, 22–25**. In the Conservative Holiness Movement, we affirm that after the new birth

(regeneration), God invites every believer into a crisis of complete consecration and faith—**entire sanctification**—in which the Holy Spirit cleanses the heart from inbred sin (carnality, pride, self-will) and fills the believer with His purifying presence and power.

Wesleyan-Arminian Doctrine: Seeking and Walking in Spirit Fullness
Notice the two verbs in Commitment 10: **"seek for"** and **"walk in."** First, we *seek for* the fullness of the Spirit by laying everything on God's altar in total consecration and trusting His promise to purify and fill (Acts 15:8–9; 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24). Second, we *walk in* that fullness moment by moment through joyful obedience. God does not merely help us cope with defeat; He demonstrates His ability to form genuinely godly men and women today!

In Plain English — Youth Heart-Check: Why Willpower Isn't Enough
Have you ever promised God, "I'll try harder this week not to lose my temper or look at things I shouldn't," and crashed three days later? Willpower alone runs out of gas. Jesus didn't just die to forgive your past—He sent the **Holy Spirit** to live inside you, clean out the root of selfishness, and give you real power to love your enemies, speak truth at school, and stay pure when everyone else is compromising.



Figure 9: A Spirit-filled heart burns with divine light that shines steadily across classrooms, job sites, and public life.

9. Practical Life Application, Small Group Reflection, and Closing Prayer

Hearing inspiring testimonies is wonderful, but Ezra 10:4 ends with four unforgettable words: **"and do it."** Whether you are a teenager in high school, a young single adult, a husband and father, or a sister in Christ praying like the women on the Wednesday Zoom call, God calls each of us to concrete obedience starting today.

Five Concrete Steps to Live Out the Call This Week

- **1. Build a Non-Negotiable Daily Altar:** Set aside fifteen to thirty unhurried minutes every morning before checking social media or news. Read a chapter of Scripture, pray honestly, and surrender your schedule to Christ.
- **2. Put Away Secret Compromise Immediately:** Audit your phone, entertainment, speech, and friendships. If something feeds lust, bitterness, or spiritual laziness, cut it off ruthlessly (Matthew 5:29–30).

- **3. Reach Out to Your Paul, Barnabas, and Timothy:** This week, send a message to a mature mentor asking for counsel, invite a peer brother or sister into real accountability, and look for one younger believer you can encourage.
- **4. Consecrate Your Talents and Resources:** Ask God, "What is in my hand—like Stephen's voice or Ethan's business—that You want to use for Your Kingdom?" Give generously of your time, skill, and finances.
- **5. Pray Faithfully for Revival and Missions:** Join the weekly intercessors in your church (including the ladies' prayer call for women) and pray by name for missionaries like Jeff Deeter and Philip Crouch carrying gospel light to dark places.

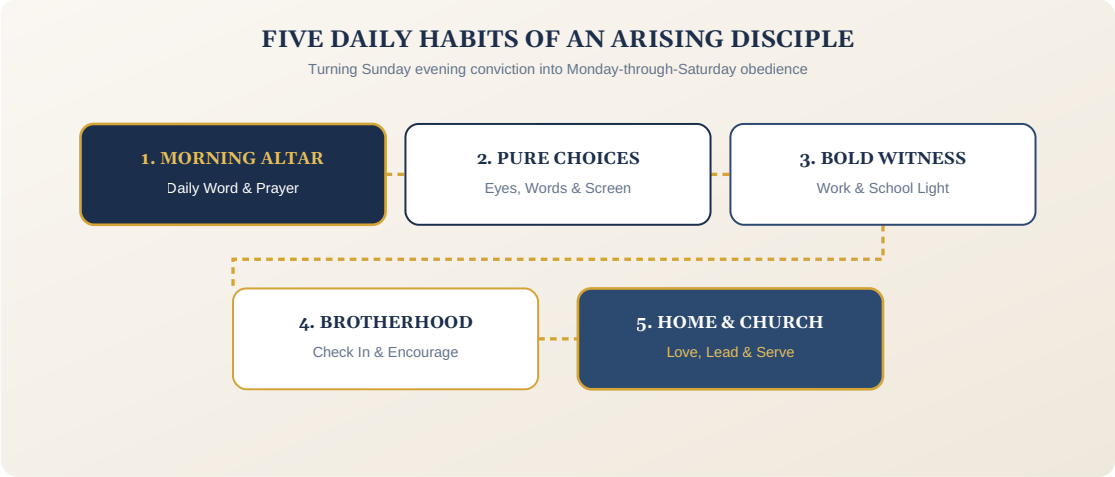


Figure 10: Consistent daily habits sustain the work of the Holy Spirit across every sphere of life.

Small Group & Personal Reflection

1. **Answering Ezra 10:4 Personally:** Where in your life, home, or school has God been nudging you to stop waiting on others and step forward saying, "This matter belongs to me"?

2. **Enduring Work vs. Passing Emotion:** What practical safeguards keep spiritual revival alive in your life two weeks, two months, and two years after an inspiring church service?
3. **Consecrated Talents:** Like Stephen's auctioneering skill and Ethan's business heritage, what natural gift, skill, or resource has God placed in your hands that needs to be fully yielded to His Kingdom?
4. **Your Mentorship Triad:** Can you name your current Paul, Barnabas, and Timothy? If one of those three roles is empty in your life right now, what specific step will you take this week to build it?
5. **Heart Purity & Secret Integrity:** Looking at Commitment 3, is there any hidden area of your private habits, speech, or screen time that needs immediate confession and cleansing under the blood of Jesus?
6. **Seeking Spirit Fullness:** What difference does it make to stop relying on exhausted human willpower and instead seek and walk daily in the purifying fullness of the Holy Spirit (Commitment 10)?

Closing Prayer Focus: *Heavenly Father, we thank You for raising up men and women who hear Your call and say, "Here am I." Cleanse our hearts from every lesser desire, restore broken homes, consecrate our talents for Your glory, and fill us afresh with Your Holy Spirit. Give us both the humility to walk softly before You and the courage to obey Ezra 10:4 without excuse, shining the light of Jesus into dark places near and far. In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.*

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all right thanks to AI it's amazing what can happen all right I have a picture that is probably my favorite definitely my favorite picture from from Menorize Florida maybe over the year and that's a picture of the men of Haven and Rest Bible Church up front worshiping God with all their hearts and thrills my soul and I love what God is doing among our men I do know that as go the men of Haven and Rest Bible Church so we'll go this church and I know that with my whole heart it's been my unbelievable privilege to have a part in this modern move of God for the past four plus years miracle after miracle have trans has transpired as men have responded the call of God to rise up in this generation in the power of the Holy Spirit to lead with both humility and courage as they follow their Lord and master Jesus Christ the ripple effect across marriages homes churches and communities has been initiated and thank God is intensifying this is not official calculation yet but just doing some math in my head I think over 1300 different men have been impacted by Menorize this year were 1300 different men have been impacted by Menorize this year that's astounding to me and this might be bad news to you but it is good news in the big picture there are probably 10 to 12 events being worked out on the calendar for next year as we sense and discern and know God's leading and God is at work profoundly in the hearts of men and one a thing that's so encouraging to me is it is it's an enduring work in other words it's not just a highlight your heart is stirred at the event and then two weeks later and I'm not saying there's none of that but but I'm watching God do deep profound works of men that are enduring and they're growing and developing in the Lord and many of you probably remember the story from New York about the man who asked if he could have the piece of platform but remember that all right and in fact here's here's a picture I think I've shown that to you but a picture of him his name is Josh Josh comes from a midnight background and he owns a couple of successful businesses but his life when he came to New York his life was in a deep dark place and you know you know what sin does and it was a pivotal crisis point and one of the special things about New York

was having watched excuse me about Florida was having watched Josh go forward in the Lord and he came and he came early to minimize and he rented an Airbnb not far from the event and he brought his wife which was a big step and his wife Kalina she came and she began to meet these men who have got as put in Josh's life and then she went and served in the kitchen and have to but she served in the kitchen throughout the week and just to watch God restoring a man and a marriage and seeing him go forward in the Lord I'm telling you it stirs your soul to watch God rebuilding broken places as we heard about I praise God for that I thank God for his work in John I thank God for his work in Stephen I remember Seymour 2024 Indiana a year and a half ago I guess two years ago now that God I remember where Stephen was when God met him so profoundly was there could just see the deep work of God and we watch as God has renewed that this past May and is using him and and I'll tell you there's a joke there's a joke some of us guys tell that when when Stephen arrived in New York one of the guys that was you know trying to express appreciation he basically said hey it's because of Stephen this whole thing can go all right because of his auctioneering and the money raised for that all right so that's become a joke but I will say this God has taken what was in Stephen's hand and not only is God doing a deep work in Stephen's heart and life in his family but God is using the talent the Stephen has naturally and developed and I think I can say between four and five hundred thousand dollars has been raised through the auction this year for the cause of Godly manhood today and that's no small thing and I thank God the Stephen is giving his gift giving his talent to the cause of God in a significant way I praise God for that one of the stories that hasn't been told yet this evening is a story of three Native American men from young men from a remote village in Alaska that came all the way to Florida for metarise let me give you just a little backstory Jeff Deeter is a missionary to Alaska and you're not around Jeff Deeter very long before you know that his heart is for the souls of young Native men in Alaska I mean these are young men that little to no hope in fact these young men some of the young men that were there their brothers or relatives just

back in May Jeff Deeter had to travel back to Alaska before the event was over because I believe it was one of these young men's brothers committed suicide they're in remote villages with little to no hope so much darkness and here's a man talked about risk this morning here's a man who's literally given his life to live on the edge to reach Native American young men in Alaska and it it is what stirs his soul and let me add to that storyline let me insert a substory that God is doing I think was our first or second year of metarise in Colorado that a man was there named Philip Crouch and in that in that event God did a deep work in Philip I think he brought some deliverance to life in some areas that he needed and God helped Philip Crouch to hear and answer the call of God upon his life to preach and through that submission point that happened three years ago I believe it was in Philip Crouch's life maybe it was four years ago I think it was the first one God led Philip Crouch to answer the call to go to Alaska to hear this here's Jeff Deeter the missionary who's giving his life to this and God through the vehicle of metarise sends a man transforms a man calls a man and now has sent him to Alaska to be a help to minister to this and three young men this was you talk about brand new for them they didn't even really know the songs that we sang in fact one night they requested during that Thursday night altar service at the end they requested here's here's one of the Christian songs they knew I saw the light and those young men asked if we could sing I saw the light towards the end of the altar service and I'm telling you God helped us to experience light as those young men precious young men who are having the light of hope of the Lord Jesus Christ brought into their remote village because of some men answering the call of God upon their lives and I rejoice in it thrills my soul hallelujah I want to highlight the Ethan has been to multiple metarises but I want to highlight that Ethan in his way has found a way to be helpful Ethan's father started a business of online business of knives etc. the Ethan has carried forward after his father's passing and Ethan has partnered with us multiple times to have objects for the auction and we're just watching God raise up men in all different kinds of ways to help lead the cause forward and I say to God be the glory

I also want to make a quick note there is a ladies prayer call that has been birthed out of this that happens believe it's every Wednesday and if you are there are some ladies here that be interested that some wives etc. some of the people involved and engage and I think this is growing and if any of you are interested in being on that prayer call weekly I think it's on zoom I would be glad to get you information about that there's something very special about the prayers of the ladies helping bring wind in the sails of this movement I also want to take a moment you may have read it in the Bolton I want to speak this to us this this evening say close I want to take a moment speak my deep appreciation to the people of Haven of Rest for the grace filled support and sacrifice you have demonstrated over these past several years as more and more of my time and energy has been channeled to this critical cause in a significant way haven of rest has contributed to the kingdom success of men arise by allowing me the flexibility to pour myself into this vine of divine planting and from the bottom of my heart and on behalf of hundreds of men and their families thank you I do not pretend to know what all is ahead but I do know that God is removing and revival fires in the hearts of men and with all of my heart I praise him as we sang earlier the challenge the prayer is rise up old men of God have done with lesser things give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the king of kings for he is worthy hallelujah praise God I think if you've been to men arise at any time come forward please we're going to when you go to men arise at every single one you get one of these little booklets and in this little booklet it has everything that pertain everything pertaining to the event including a QR code on the back if you don't want to like in it you're going to find the schedule on the first few pages you'll find a map of the map of the property there's yeah kind of gather up yeah there's information about men arise merchandise word and war your groups this one was from New York's it's fit talking about fishing charters and activity times your auction your bitter number so if you lose it it could cost you a lot of money haven't had that happen yet but soon but yeah it has a plate has a place for notes and then toward the back toward the back of it here it has two sections the first one is ten

commandments of a godly man that's what we're going to go over right now and then it also has here the commitment to godly mentorship is they they I'm not going to read the whole thing here but men arise one of the things that you got to be brown around men arise long enough as you see guys come in broken wrecks and god transformed them and then before long they're running something it seems I mean that's probably paraphrasing it too much but you see guys that like date when they came to men arise they were just complete disasters and now they're they're moving up they're they're helping push the kingdom forward it's it's amazing but it's basically mannerized as you need a Paul basically a strut mature influence in your life you need a Timothy like a younger person that you can pour into and then a Barnabas it was up here somebody that's you that's walking in you know a similar path to you so but right now we're going to go over the ten commitments of a godly man and yeah I've already got got a cup everybody got a copy all right yeah by God's grace I will be a man who loves God supremely and other sacrificial I heed the holy call to rise up and be a man who leads clearly walks humbly works diligently lives responsibly and serves faithfully I understand that godly manhood today is God's will and therefore my purpose knowing this I wholeheartedly without excuse commit myself to the following I will know and love God's supremely and of others sacrificial I will daily seek God's face in prayer and word I will consistently walk in obedience purity and integrity in every area of my life I will boldly confess Jesus and consistently tell others about him I will if and when Mary love my wife as Christ giving myself to and for her I will if and when I have children purposely love nurture and instruct them in the Lord I will be fully committed to and involved in a local body of believers I will intentionally pursue a Christian brotherhood where I am both accountable to and accountable for other men I will have to be influenced my workplace community and beyond for truth and righteousness regardless of personal consequences I will seek for and walk in fullness of the spirit demonstrating God's ability to form Godly man today Christ for this matter be longeth unto thee we also will be with thee be a good courage

and do it thank you so much I want to speak deep appreciation to Stephen and to the men of Haven of Rest Bible Church thank you men our hearts have been stirred and encouraged this evening brother ledford has a special song but I'm going to postpone that to Wednesday right he's going to bring that Wednesday as a special song all right so we're glad we want to hear but ledford it has gone long in mostly a good way so all right I want to to stand together and put a ledford would you close this in prayer please our Heavenly Father we thank you for what you are doing through the mission of Minerize thank you Lord for laying your hand on front by the Josh Davis several other men to do this work and I pray that you'll raise up the helpers that are needed even right here Lord and beyond to make everything work together for your glory for the good of souls and to keep the hands of those who are doing the work strong and able to do what needs to be done and so bless what has been done even in the floor to Minerize bless it so that it accomplishes your will purpose we ask it all in Jesus name amen

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