

***House of Healing Christian Assembly***

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**Title:** "Snatched"

**Series:** March Madness: A Revival of Souls

**Hashtags:** #NoSoulLeftBehind #ReDigTheWells

**Foundation Text(s): Jude 1:17-25**

Introduction: living an effective life as a Believer involves understanding the purpose of our salvation.

Introductory Scriptures:

John 10:10

John 14:2-3

Matthew 5:14-16

We are saved from hell/eternal damnation

- We are given everlasting and eternal life
- Abundant life

**However, We are also "saved to serve"!**

***The "Simon Model" (Luke 22:31-32)***

- Jesus informs Simon Peter that Satan desires to have him and sift him as wheat
- Jesus does not pray against the sifting; he only prays that Peter will survive
- After he survives it, Peter has a responsibility: strengthen your brother!

"And when thou art converted..."

- Converted means: revert back; recover; "to come back"
- Point: After we go through what we go through and survive it, we now have the responsibility to use our testimony/story to strengthen and empower someone else with it!
- Testimony! (Revelation 12:11)

**Training Point: A major part of evangelism is telling your story/testimony! Part of effective soul winning is the ability to tell your**

**own salvation story.** “And when thou art converted, strengthen your brother!”

### ***We are models...***

1 Peter 2:9

- We are chosen, holy, peculiar, different, called out (sanctified)
- We are God’s special people, purchase by the blood of His Son
  - Redemption: to buy back
  - Psalm 107:2
  - Ephesians 1:7
  - Mark 10:45
- We are Saved/delivered/rescued!

1 Peter 2:9b tells us the purpose of our salvation

- “To show forth his praises”
- Our life is a praise (example)
- Praise goes beyond outward expression!

1 Peter 2:9 connects with Matthew 5:14-16 because it speaks of us being a light! Light cannot be hidden, even in darkness. Light has a responsibility.

In order for light to “blend” with darkness effectively, the light has to be put out. [Matthew 26:34/Matthew 26:74-75]

### **As Believers our lives are on display!**

- 2 Corinthians 4:3
- 2 Corinthians 3:2

Stop hiding your light and stop thinking you don’t have a light!!!!

- Even if you have fallen, you still have a light!
  - Proverbs 24:16
  - Romans 8:1-2

If you don’t think you have a light, you feel as if you aren’t worthy to be an effective witness for Jesus Christ! This mindset is devilish!

### **MAJOR POINT: The world/community is waiting on us to recognize our power and our sonship!**

Power:

- Acts 1:8 is often misquoted or rather, “under-quoted”

- We don't have Holy Ghost power just to pray, shout, operate in spiritual gifts, speak in tongues, etc.
- Our power is to become witnesses!

**The word witnesses in Acts 1:8 is the Greek word “martus” which translates to mean Martyr!**

- A martyr is one who sacrifices their life or suffers greatly for a cause; voluntarily
- God is looking for those who will lay down their life (will, selfish desires and agendas) to expand his Kingdom through soul winning
- This is real ministry; putting your life on the line!
  - Sacrificing your time and energy to make sure someone else gets what they need (“Re-dig the wells” = refreshing/life)

Jude said that some will have to be SNATCHED out of the fire!

The word snatch means: *It meant to grab or seize something or someone suddenly; it's AGGRESSIVE*

It is our responsibility to snatch people out of the Kingdom of darkness just as we were delivered/rescued out! This is the purpose of our salvation.

Sonship:

- Romans 8:22
  - This world and our city/community is waiting on the “sons of God” (us) to be revealed
  - We must first have a revelation of who we are and that we have a light!
  - Many believers don't know their true identity in Christ, so it makes them impossible to be effective in Kingdom expansion.
- After we are converted, our responsibility is to strengthen our brother!

**Closing Point:**

Evangelism and soul winning is aggressive!

Matthew 11:12

This text is often misinterpreted. We, as Believers are not “the violent” in this text. Jesus is making a point that violent and aggressive enemies have been trying to seize and take hold of the Kingdom of God and it's citizens through forceful means “from the days of John the Baptist until now”. A kingdom is a domain or territory. Enemies have been forcefully advancing against the

Kingdom of God in the earth to seize it as a precious prize. Their attempt is to “take the Kingdom by force”. They have not prevailed and they will never prevail! This is why Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, “upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.” He came not only to save us, but to reestablish Kingdom authority in the earth by giving us back our dominion and authority.

The point is that if Satan and his principalities and powers are aggressive, how much more should we as citizens of the Kingdom of God be aggressive! There is nothing laid back and passive about God’s Kingdom. We must forcefully advance it. This is why Jude uses such language as “snatch”. We have the power and authority as sons of God to SNATCH people out!