

MSG: REVIVE CULTURE
SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 5:13-16 NLT
SZN 2: REVIVAL THROUGH LOVING

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“You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”

INTRO:

Our Mission is

LOVE GOD -> COLLECTIVES
LOVE PEOPLE -> CONVERSATIONS
BUILD DISCIPLES -> CULTURE
REVIVE CULTURE

Former
Make A Difference - Growth Track

Evolved
REVIVE CULTURE -> COLLABS

As we sit here bombs, missiles and drones are being dropped in cities and towns all through out the Middle East, for greed and money at the cost of innocent lives being lost.

In Texas, last week lawmakers have unjustly suppressed the vote in order to keep freedom fighters like our sister Jasmine Crockett barred out of office for fair representation

The concerted strategy to keep black and brown people in a permanent underclass, the systems of this world scheme and plot to keep to the poor, poor.

To starve to the hungry, and marginalize the disinherited. It's clear today more than ever.

Anti-Lynching and Civil Rights Activist **Ida B Wells** said, **"The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them."**

YOU ARE THE SOLUTION.

YOU ARE THE ANSWER.

We preserve what others abandon.
We run to the darkness.

YOU ARE NEEDED TO REVIVE THE CULTURE!

CULTURE - the attitude and behavior characteristic of a particular social group.

It's the philosophy's, the ideology...

You can complain about the Culture...

You can critique the culture..

You can co-sign the culture..

You can be corrupted by culture...

You can commentate on the culture..

You can Become complacent in the culture ..

Of even complicit with the culture.

But we're called to create the culture!

Where there is death and its decrepit effects,

as we used to say we embrace life, live life but we also give life!

We are called to REVIVE CULTURE!

Lets discuss today how to Revive Culture...

1. RECLAIM HUMAN DIGNITY

Genesis 1:27, 31 NLT

“So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them....Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!

Human dignity is the inherent, inalienable, and absolute worth possessed by every human being, regardless of status, ability, or background.

CELEBRATE HUMAN DIGNITY IN YOURSELF

- CELEBRATE THAT YOU ARE CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

Cole Arthur Riley

“To be human in an aching world is to know our dignity and become people who safeguard the dignity of everything around us.”

- CELEBRATE WHO GOD CREATED YOU TO BE.

“I AM SOMEBODY!”

-Rev Jesse Jackson

The poem "I Am Somebody" was written by Reverend William Holmes Borders, Sr., an Atlanta-based minister and civil rights activist, and was popularized by Reverend Jesse Jackson during the Civil Rights Movement, especially through his famous recitation on Sesame Street I. 1972.

Borders wrote the poem in the 1950s to promote self-respect and dignity, with Jackson turning it into a powerful chant for empowerment.

"I Am Somebody"

I am—Somebody!
I am—Somebody!
I may be poor,
But I am—Somebody!
I may be young,
But I am—Somebody!
I may be on welfare,
But I am—Somebody!
I may be small,
But I am—Somebody!
I may have made mistakes,
But I am—Somebody!
My clothes are different,
My face is different,
My hair is different,
But I am—Somebody!
I am Black, Brown, or White.
I AM BEAUTIFUL, PROUD
I speak a different language
But I must be respected,
Protected,
Never rejected.
I am God's child!
I am Somebody!

CELEBRATE HUMAN DIGNITY IN OTHERS

-Toni Morrison

"You can't own a human being. You can't lose what you don't own...The danger of losing our humanity must be met with more humanity."

2. REPAIR OPPRESSIVE SYSTEMS

Luke 4:18-19 NLT

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favor has come."

REJECT OPPRESSIVE SYSTEMS

WE GIVE THE GOOD NEWS

Matthew 4:23-24 NLT

“Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. News about him spread as far as Syria, and people soon began bringing to him all who were sick. And whatever their sickness or disease, or if they were demon possessed or epileptic or paralyzed—he healed them all.”

Angela Davis said

"I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept."

REBUILD BETTER SYSTEMS

Matthew 10:16 NLT

“Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and harmless as doves.”

WE LIVE AS LIBERATORS

COLLAB AND CO-LABORER!

3. REDEFINE THE PRIZE

Matthew 25:23 NLT

“The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’

THE PRIZE IS FAITHFULNESS.

THE PRIZE IS HEAVEN ON EARTH NOW AND ETERNITY.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE PRIZE

Alice Wine She was a South Carolina activist from Johns Island who modified the song to adapt it specifically for the Civil Rights Movement.

Wine taught her version, which replaced "keep your hand on the plow" with "keep your eyes on the prize," to Guy Carawan, the music director for the Highlander School, around 1960.

Carawan introduced her version of the song to the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in April 1960.

“Paul and Silas bound in jail,
Had no money for to go their bail.
Keep your eyes on the prize
Hold on, hold on.

Paul and Silas began to shout
the jail door opened and they walked out
Keep your eye on the prize

Hold on, hold on.
Keep your eyes on the prize.
Hold on, hold on.

Got my hand on the Gospel plow
Wouldn't take nothing for my journey now
Keep your eye on the prize

Hold on, hold on.
Keep your eyes on the prize.
Hold on, hold on.

Well, the one thing we did wrong,
Stayed in the wilderness far too long
Keep your eye on the prize
Hold on, hold on.

We met jail and violence too
But God's love will see us through
Keep your eye on the prize
Hold on, hold on.
Keep your eyes on the prize.

The only chain that we can stand is the chain from hand to hand
Keep your eye on the prize
Hold on, hold on.

Keep your eye on the prize”

Philippians 3:12-14 NLT

“I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.”

YOU ARE THE SOLUTION!
YOU ARE ANSWER!

SO KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE PRIZE!

WE are called.... to REVIVE CULTURE!