

## **Stepping Into Your Destiny**

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In the Old Testament there were four lepers sitting outside the city gate of Samaria which was under siege and in the midst of a famine. The situation was bleak and hopeless. However, these four lepers said one to another, “Why sit we here until we die?” The Message Bible says, “What are we doing sitting here at death’s door?”

### **WHY SIT WE HERE?**

In life, circumstances can absolutely surround us and threaten to control our lives. The Webster’s Dictionary, 1828 edition, defines the word circumstance as, “that which stands around or near.” The four lepers were experiencing adverse circumstances but they eventually realized that they must get up and do something. Circumstances are not to dictate, determine, or direct our lives. Eastman Curtis said, “Many people just float through life allowing their circumstances to take them wherever they will. Circumstances toss them every way but forward. Have you ever floated down a river in an inner tube? You know how easy it is to sit there and let the current carry you wherever it wants to. It’s time for us to leave the inner tube and step into our destiny with power.”

Circumstances are sometimes roadblocks to our success. But if we learn how to deal with circumstances according to the Bible, we will not miss out on what God has for us, and his wonderful plan will be manifested in our lives. We need to think like the four leprous men did. “Why sit we here until we die?” Results came when these men decided to quit sitting there and do something about their circumstances. They stepped out of their comfort zone and out of their state of hopelessness and began to move.

When adverse circumstances surround us and draw near to us, we must get up and do something that will bring God’s plan and purpose forth in our lives.

1. We must quit making excuses for our current situation and hold fast to the Word and the dream that God gave us.
2. We must stop waiting until we feel like doing something. The truth is, if we wait for a feeling, we will never do what God has called us to do.
3. We must not wait until everything is perfect until we step out and endeavor to do something, because we will be waiting a long time.

When adverse circumstances come along, we must refuse to just float down the river in our inner tubes singing Que Sera Sera - what will be will be. We must refuse to allow the circumstances of life to dictate and direct our lives. But we must stand up by acting on the Word of God and holding fast to our dream and destiny which has been given to us by God. So instead of just floating down the river in our inner tubes, we need to jump into the river and swim against the current of unbelief and complacency and fulfill the will of God for our lives.

Jesus paid too great of a price for us to float through life aimlessly and to live with a lukewarm mentality that keeps us focused on our circumstances instead of the tremendous dream that God has deposited within our hearts. We must be like the four lepers and declare, “Why sit we here until we die?”

### **TO OUR PARTNERS**

We praise God for the Glorious Gospel and our privilege that we have to carry this message throughout the world and proclaim the wonderful realities of living in the light of our redemption and the powerful truth of being in Him. To carry this message of faith and to see the results of this message working in the lives of people is absolutely astounding and refreshing. We thank you for becoming partners with this ministry and helping us accomplish the dream that God has placed in our hearts. Together we are fulfilling the plan of God.

The fact of the matter is that we could not do what we are doing without you. Let me tell you what Sherry Jones Ministries is doing at this present time. This year we have purchased air time on ten radio stations throughout the United States and we are in the process of publishing our first book. Also our itinerary has expanded quite significantly and next year we are expecting multiplied growth and increase in this area. We are so grateful to our partners, and we pray and believe God everyday, that God is meeting your needs and multiplying your seed sown. We believe God with you for good jobs and better jobs, raises and bonuses, benefits, sales and commissions, settlements, estates and inheritances, interest and income, bills paid off, debts demolished and you being blessed with the increase of God, in every area of your life.

We love you and appreciate your faithfulness to the Lord and your desire to see the work of the ministry go forward by fulfilling the vision throughout all the earth.