

Here I Am

The worship of God is a dance. He leads, we follow. And because He is a good God, we can trust that in doing so, we are safe in His will. Instead of shrinking, life opens up. David says in Psalm 16, "Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup...the boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places." In Hebrews, we are told, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts...." That's saying no. As Jesus told Paul at his conversion, "It's stupid to kick against the goads."

Are you ready to say "yes" to the Holy Spirit this morning? Let's practice. Say "yes." That's not so bad, is it???

Father You Are Sovereign

PRAYER

Lord, you sit above the circle of the earth, and we are like grasshoppers. You stretch out the heavens like a tent to live in. And on earth your control of events goes on age after age unchallenged. Who can stand against you? If a ruler tries, he is reduced to nothing. To whom can we compare you? Who is your equal? We gaze at the stars in wonder and awe. You created all these, and call them each by name. Not one can burn out without your knowledge and permission.

And our ways are not hidden from you either. But unlike stars, when our faith starts to flame out, you interject life. We are revived. You bring hope, and infuse joy where there is despair. Do that for us this morning, we pray. Forgive us from pushing you away. Pull us into your presence, and remind us again of how rich we are to know you. In Jesus' name, amen.

God of Wonders

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." Then

one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

His Glory Fills The Earth

The word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." "Ah, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD. Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant." **Jeremiah 1:4-10**

Wholly Yours

Remember Paul's conversion in the book of Acts? He was on his way to Damascus, to persecute more Christians. Suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him, he fell to the ground, and heard Jesus say to him, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? Get up, go into the city, and you will be told what to do. Ananias was a disciple in the city, and in a vision he was told to go to a specific house, and to ask for Paul, who would be having a vision at the same time informing him that Ananias was on his way. Got it? Ananias was troubled.

"Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and

be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. **Acts 9:13-19**

PRAYER

Why are we afraid to follow you, Lord? Why do we think that the life we have planned out for ourselves would be more satisfying than the one you have mapped out for us? Forgive us for placing ourselves on the throne. We here and now get down, and ask you to be seated there - in charge. Speak Lord, we are

The Good Fight

OFFERING

Make My Life A Miracle

SERMON

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(chorus only)**