

OVERWHELMED PART 4

“DO IT AGAIN – AN INVITATION TO THE FUTURE”

SCRIPTURE: NEHEMIAH 6:1-3; ROMANS 6:5-18;

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11

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INTRODUCTION

- John Wesley - 18th century Anglican pastor
- In his small prayer “closet” he prayed for a move of God that began in him and spread across England.
- Wesley believed revival was not human effort but divine grace, poured out through surrendered lives.

I. BUT GRACE

- Paul has a perspective on sin, grace and renewal. It always ends with “but grace.”
- Romans 6:5-18 NLT, “...⁶ We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. ⁷ For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin...”
- We are not just people that make “mistakes.” We are sinners and sin is real, its powerful and leads to death.
- ¹² “Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires...¹⁴ Sin is no longer your master...you live under the freedom of God’s grace.”
- But grace is greater: it pardons, frees, and empowers us to live new lives.
- ¹⁵ “Well then, since God’s grace has set us free...¹⁸ Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living.”
- Grace is not just a pardon from sin; it’s the pathway to freedom and strength.

- Through grace it is possible to stop excusing sin and start living truth.

II. GRACE AS A GIFT

- 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all...⁷ A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.”
- Every believer is given spiritual gifts by the Spirit.
 - Charisma = grace – gift
- ¹¹ “It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.”
- Renewal isn’t carried by a person, but by His Church living By His Spirit.
- You are gifted. The Kingdom is calling you.

III. A GREAT WORK

- Nehemiah 6:1-2 ESV, “...our enemies heard that I had built the wall... saying “Come and let us meet together...But they intended to do me harm.”
- Distraction will always disrupt us from pursuing the good.
- When we put our hands to doing His good work there will always be opposition - Ephesians 6:12
- Nehemiah 6:3 ESV, And I sent messengers to them, saying, “I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?”
- Renewal will always meet resistance, but the presence of the Spirit is in us and empowers us to persevere.

CLOSE - Do It Again

- Billy Graham - “*God Do It Again*”
- The story of God’s great work through His Church is not just yesterday’s story, it’s tomorrow’s invitation.