

Sermon Notes August 10, 2025

Act Up: Pushing Back the Gates of Hell



THE MISSION OF JESUS

- ↑ Luke 4:18-19 – Jesus came to bring total freedom (John 10:11, John 6:38, John 4:34, Matt.6:10)



OUR PART IN HIS MISSION

- ↑ Ephesians 2:10 - Good works include joining His redemptive mission.
- ↑ Ephesians 3:10-12 – The Church is called to display God's wisdom to spiritual powers.
- ↑ Key Thought: The mission of Jesus was to bring total freedom. He accomplished it so we could continue it. If we fail because of fear, we are like the one-talent servant who let fear dictate his actions.



THE CHURCH ON THE OFFENSIVE

- ↑ Matthew 16:16-18 – "The gates of Hades will not overpower it."
- ↑ Gates are defensive structures. WE are the aggressors.
- ↑ 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 – Our weapons are spiritual, tearing down strongholds.



HOPE SHOT

- ↑ 1 John 4:4 – Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world.



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Where do you see the enemy trying to steal, kill, or destroy in your life?
2. How can you “act up” and take back ground for God’s Kingdom this week?
3. What is one area of fear you can surrender so you can join Jesus in His mission?