COVID-19 WAKE UP CALLS

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Tri-City Baptist Church

The First Amendment

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

The First Commandment

Exodus 20:3,

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

The Preamble of the Constitution of Colorado

We, the people of Colorado, with profound reverence for the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, in order to form a more independent and perfect government; establish justice; insure tranquility; provide for the common defense; promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the "State of Colorado."

The Command to Assemble

Hebrews 10:25, Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

The Double Calls of Scripture

Special attention is given in Scripture to the repeated mention of a name. Each double call emphasizes a key truth for our edification.

I. The Double Call of Sin and Sorrow: "My son, my son"

2 Samuel 18:33, And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said,

O my son Absalom, <u>my son, my son</u> Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, <u>my son, my son!</u>

The Wake Up Call of Sin and Death

Man's problem is sin and death.

"The wages of sin is death"

Mankind needs a Savior!

II. The Double Call of Substitution: "Abraham, Abraham"

Genesis 22:10-11,
And Abraham stretched forth his hand,
and took the knife to slay his son.
And the angel of the Lord called unto
him out of heaven, and said,
Abraham, Abraham:
and he said, Here am I.

III. The Double Call of Selection, "Jacob, Jacob"

Genesis 46:1-2, And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac. And God spake

unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said,

A Man, a Human - "seed of a woman" A Nation of Israel - seed of Abraham The Tribe of Judah - seed of Judah The House of David - seed of David

Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I.

IV. The Double Call of the Savior: "My God, my God"

Psalm 22:1,

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

Matthew 27:46,

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

V. The Double Call of Salvation: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem"

Matthew 23:37,
O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

The Double Call of Salvation: "Saul, Saul"

Acts 9:4-5, And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, <u>Saul</u>, <u>Saul</u>, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord?

And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

The Double Call of Sinners Still Lost

Matthew 7:21,

Not every one that saith unto me, <u>Lord</u>, <u>Lord</u>, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 25:10-11,

And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

Luke 6:46, And why call ye me, <u>Lord</u>, <u>Lord</u>, and do not the things which I say?

VI. The Double Call of Surrender: "Moses, Moses"

Exodus 3:4, And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, <u>Moses, Moses.</u> And he said, Here am I.

Romans 12:1, I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. VII. The Double Call of Servanthood: "Samuel, Samuel"

1 Samuel 3:10, And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, <u>Samuel, Samuel</u>.

Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

VIII. The Call of Stillness: "Martha, Martha"

Luke 10:41, And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

Psalm 46:10, Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. IX. The Double Call of Spiritual Warfare: "Simon, Simon"

Luke 22:31-32, And the Lord said, <u>Simon, Simon,</u> behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

The Double Calls

- 1. The Double Call of Sin and Sorrow: "Absalom, Absalom"
- 2. The Double Call of Substitution: "Abraham, Abraham"
- 3. The Double Call of Sovereign Selection: "Jacob, Jacob"
- 4. The Double Call of the Savior: "My God, My God"
- 5. The Double Call of Salvation: "Jerusalem, Jerusalem" and "Saul, Saul"
- 6. The Double Call of Surrender: "Moses, Moses"
- 7. The Double Call of Servanthood: "Samuel, Samuel"
- 8. The Double Call of Stillness: "Martha, Martha"
- 9. The Double Call of Spiritual Warfare: "Simon, Simon"

Invitation to be Saved by God

"Lord, Lord:"

I believe Jesus is the SON of God, who died for my sins. I ask you now to blot out all my transgressions. I believe Jesus rose from the dead the third day and now ask You for eternal life.

I pray in Jesus' Name, Amen.