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CHRIST'S FORMULA FOR REAL
APOSTLES
LUK. 22:46.

It is very pleasant to be back on duty again and to see your smiling faces and to hear you say, "Hello I am glad to see you." The vacation was very pleasant indeed. It had its thrills. One among them was that while in Bilexi I blocked traffic for several minutes. Just showed them what one Indielaian could do- stop Heward street for a few minutes. I had my family and the lady we were boarding with in the car and the lady directed me in a one way street and did not discover that we were going the wrong direction on that street till we had blocked traffic as we entered Heward.

I heard Brether Brownlee preach one night while in Jackson and heard him say to his congregation that all went well with him and his vacation till the last night at the hotel where they were stopping. About two o'clock some one knocked on his door. Brownlee did not respond, another knock very much louder. B- asked what he wanted- the reply was, "I have lost my bottle just wondered if you have it." He assured him that he did not and all was well again.

We are back now and feel that you feel as we do that in this magnificent church we must get right down to business. Our S.S? for May made 250 average then hot weather came and we fell back a bit. But now we should easily come up to that mark again. We have hardly two months till conference. I expect to get into each Methodist home once before conference. I may have to do some mornning and after supper calling to accomplish this as there are thirteen thousand other things to be done. I am anxious to visit each of you for according to the prophecy of elders and pastors there will necessarily be a big shake up in conference this fall. This could mean that we to our great sorrow might have to leave the most pleasant charge that we have ever served.

In my Bible reading during vacation a verse got to ringing in my ears and when I would go to planing what to say to you the first Sunday in Sept. this verse would come up for recognition. Luke 22:46. "Why sleep ye? rise, and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." This verse seems to give a formula of Jesus for true apostleship or discipleship.

Jesus with His inner circle had gone into the Mt. of Olives and into that part of the mount known as the garden of Gessemine. This word seems to come from gath meaning press and shemen meaning oil. It was where the product of the mount was prepared for use. It was where the olives were crushed for their oil which was used so much for healing and for anointing men into priest hood. There the Savior went and under the load of a world of guilt not His own was crushed till His very blood dropped on the ground. But here He was prepared for the healing of the bruised world-the sick world and for the anointing of men and women boys and girls into the office of kings and priests unto God.

His disciples-Peter, James, and John were with Him in the garden but a stone's cast removed from Him. As He prayed and suffered His disciples went to sleep. They were tired, full of sorrow, away from Him, and did not hear Him pray. They meant no harm but just gave way to their physical feelings. This is no uncommon thing to day to see people less tired than these men getting out of hearing distance of Jesus and staying at home while the people were praying over at the church yes and suffering over at the church. B from the scene of supplication people are going to sleep all over the place. People were sleeping when an awful crisis was on and picture various churches to day who are sleeping in the midst of a

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Jesus continues to come back and looks at His church asking can you not watch with Me till the victory is won?

Without the disciples Jesus went on and won without them. Hear me friends here is our question to our friends who are indifferent to the church: "Do you want Jesus to win without you?" Oh can we bear it if no part we have in the wining? Jesus is going to win can we afford to let our friends miss it?

There in prayer Jesus won over the desire for the cup to pass from Him. There He walked out of the night that had tried to hold Him and as the Day Spring from on high ushered in the morning of a new age which came to noon day splendor when He said on the Cross "It is finished." Night is the time to sleep. But when the east begins to gray and birds of a thousand varieties begin to sing, the cattle of a thousand hills begin to stir, and the light beams begin to chase darkness from every nook and tree it is time to awake. Although physical night was still on Jesus entering the great morning of self giving came to the disciples and said, "Why sleep ye?" In other words wake up. Wake up. These words rang out and are still ringing and we are told that some of these days we will have a little instrument that we can tune in and hear Jesus own words here and in His sermen on the Mount.

As we look in the light of this morning sun we see rise thousands of hospitals and voices from them say the morning is here. In this sun thousands of Christian schools arise in most every land with their penants flying to the breezes bearing the slogan the new morning is here. In this new morning sun thousands, yea tens of thousands of churches send their spires into the skys. And from their chimes, from their windows, from the strains of the great organs, and from the hearts of new born souls at the altars voices tell us "THE MORNING IS HERE WHY DO YOU SLEEP?" No time to sleep now. This is no age to sleep but one to be up and doing. Souls are lost and souls are crying. We hear ringing ever and ever again, "Awake thou that sleepeth and arise from the dead and Christ shall give the light."

"Why sleep ye? rise----" The Christian life does not mean one of sitting all the time nor of lying around sleeping all the while. It is a life of activity when ease must give place to effort, pleasure give place to profit, the lesser give place to larger, and the passing give place to the permanent. When a healthy man awakes in the morning the first thing he does naturally is to arise. He stretches himself and fills his lungs with air and walks out with a springing step to accomplish something. So with the healthy Christian being awake he arises and in prayer fills him self with the refreshing of the Spirit, and walks out with spranging step to walk over the devil and bring in the sheathes for Christ.

To day we need to rise from spiritual indifference. Whether the church be in the hills or in the delta the same story is told in the attendance at the services and also told when only a part of the membership has to pay the bills that indifference reigns in the lives of many.

Arise from prejudice, from hate, from gossip, from vulgar meuths, from jealeusy, and from low thinking.

Arise not only from these unChristian things but arise for werk in a great day. Arise to the great eppertunity which we have now for doing real service. No age has ever dawned when there was a finer chance for the mmam accomplishment of real worth while things than today. It is a day of man to man seul wining. If you have the goods to deliver, if you have actually experienced salvation then you are in position to win a big soul here and there which will be worth while. The time has passed for shaking the peach tree and filling up your church basket with a large quantity of peaches many perhaps faulty and a few goed. It is a day of hand picking. I went fishing the ether day down to the "Locks and dams" of Sunflower river. There we saw a great school of "Shads". With the dip net we would for fun dip up a dozen fish at a time. But it is a history of that fish that he dies almost as soon as caught. Easy to get easy to die. This is not an untrue picture of spiritual things to day. Make the application, and arise to your great eppertunity to

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go out and win souls one by one as you through your own experience create the desire in individual souls to have the Christ whom you proclaim as yours.

Many people need to arise to clear cut decisions for Jesus and His church. There is more meant by this than we might think in casually passing over it. A man once said to me, "Preacher I do some bad things but I also do some good things. I think that God is going to allow the good to ballance the bad and take me to heaven," In a case like this you will find that the predominating desire is to hold on to the world and the person does church work to passify the conscience.

Arise to the sense of obligation to your church, your family, your town, your country, and your God. Not one of us has wiped out all of his obligations. As long as we live we are continuously becoming obligated to these various things. The normal healthy Christian man arises with pleasure to meet his obligations. If I have vowed a vow to God at the altar of my church in the presence of the congregation it is my duty and should be my pleasure to meet the same.

Surely we should not fail to urge that we should arise to our rich privilege of worship and high thinking which come to us in our services up at the sanctuary. There where the best of poetry in the lines of our great hymns, there where the sweetest of music as inspired for these hymns, and there where words from the greatest of all books—the Bible are ours to receive and to enjoy.

"Why sleep ye? rise and pray——" No church member is going very far in a worth while life if he does not pray. Go to the homes that have trouble and if you are allowed to hear behind the curtain and to see that home in its daily course you will likely find that prayer is left out. Look amongst men of your town who do not come to church and who stand for every thing detrimental that comes along and in that life you will hardly find the practice of prayer. "Prayer gets things done." We might also say lack of prayer leaves every thing worth while undone. I speak for myself as a minister when I say that I need to pray. You laymen, laywomen, and the youth of our day need to pray— Let's do it friends.

"Why sleep ye? rise, and pray lest ye enter into temptation." No better fortifications can we build up in our lives than these taught here by our blessed Lord, to shield us from the strong, varied, keen, and subtle temptations which are thrown across our pathway to day.

Let's heed this advice of Jesus as we go out for our fall campaign and it will be ours not only to bring up the cash for all of our church financial obligations but with that we will also bring living jewels at His feet to lay down.

AMEN.

ARISE MY SOUL ARISE
SHAKE OFF THY GUILTY FEARS
A BLEEDING SACRIFICE
IN MY BEHALF APPEARS.

