

Christmas 2024
“Christmas Revival”

I. Introduction - When we step out of our identity in Christ, the world around us (the world we are called to reign over as joint heirs with Christ) enters famine, scarcity, lack, destruction as it is run by an imposter king and a bunch of hyenas (Satan and demonic spirit).

A. This may be true for many people in this room. Ex: Husbands conned out of their identity and instead of their marriage being the garden of Eden, it is a wasteland. Instead of kids thriving, they are having to raise themselves and its a mess.

1. Ladies before you point fingers, this could be true of many of you as wives.
2. Their may be some people here who are called to lead ministry teams and yet you don't serve out all in church because you have been conned out of your identity and now your Eden (Pride land) is a wasteland.

B. This is when you need a prophet like Rafiki (the mandrel) to slap some sense into you and help you rediscover your identity in Christ. For the rest of this message, think of me like Rafiki. I want to help you rediscover your identity as a joint heir with Christ Jesus (**Romans 5:17**).

1. Jesus is the lion of the tribe of Judah who made all things right at calvary, including your past mistakes - **Revelation 5:5**.
2. Jesus opened the book and now we are going to take a look inside to discover or rediscover who we are in Christ.

C. What about my past? In the Lion King, Scar (the younger brother) of the rightful king Mufasa desired his brother's throne. He betrayed his brother and murdered him when Mufasa saved the life of his son, Simba. Scar then blamed Simba for His father's death.

1. Many of you are held captive by the past. Some of you its by sins you've committed, while others of you, it's by blame and shame Satan has put on you and you haven't done anything wrong.
2. The reality is we were all born sinners because of Adam's sin (He and Eve were conned out of their identity in the garden).
 - a. We were all guilty by birth not action.
 - b. This means we are all saved by new birth, not action.

D. **Romans 5:12-21**

1. **Romans 5:12-14** These verses reveal we were born into sin; we didn't behave into sin. This sin brought death that reigned. It permeated through lives of people and spread throughout the earth (affected creation, brought famine).

2. **Romans 5:15-21** The free gift is not like the offense. Why? Because it is greater. Christ's forgiveness is far greater than Adam's transgression.
- a. **Revelation 5** calls Jesus the lion of the tribe of Judah. Jesus came through Judah not Levi. Under the law, the priest came through Levi. God wanted to so invalidate the law and trying to be right/blessed based on our performance that He ended the Old Covenant system and brought Jesus through a different tribe. **Hebrews 7:14**
 - b. **This means once you get into Christ you can't mess it up based on what you do.**
 - c. This doesn't mean sin doesn't matter, it just means when we sin we are like Simba who have believe a lie and often forgotten who we are.
 - i. Simba spent many years running from the Pride-land blaming himself for his father's death. **He checked out on life and just went through the motions.**
 - ii. This is when God or Disney sent the prophet Rafiki into His life to remind him of who he was.
 - iii. Rafiki leads him to look into a pond and he sees his reflection and now full grown he sees his father. He sees his father in himself. **Isaiah 9:6** - These verses are often used at Christmas and describe who Jesus is "Wonderful, Counselor, Prince of Peace (all true), but He's also the everlasting Father. Once you get born again you are remade in His image and nothing can ever change that as long as you continue to believe.
3. Once you are in Christ, you are in Christ. What is true about him is now true about you. Many of you need to wake up to that reality and experience a Christmas revival. Others of you need to forgive yourselves of your past and take back the pride-land (step back into your destiny). **Romans 5:17 - You are called to rule and reign with Christ now! Take back that which has been lost.**

III. Conclusion - As we close, I want to give everyone in this room an opportunity to accept Christ as savior. This is how you get in on this new life where you rule and reign. It's not based on you changing behavior, kicking addictions, etc. It's based on being reborn in His image. **John 3:3 You must be born again!**

A. Response

B. Prayer to Invite the Holy Spirit to Minister (have people to close their eyes and imagine Jesus). As you visualize Him you will get more sensitive to the spirit. Listen for the words that come to your heart and expect affirmation, leading, and direction.

C. Dismiss