

Get Up, Get Out, Get In!

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Introduction:

- A. "For a seed to achieve its greatest expression, it must come completely undone. The shell cracks, its insides come out and everything changes. To someone who doesn't understand growth, it would look like complete destruction."
 - 1. "Inaction breeds doubt and fear. Action breeds confidence and courage. If you want to conquer fear, do not sit home and think about it. Go out and get busy."

I. GET UP

- A. There is no such thing as standing still in Christ
 - 1. We must move forward to be saved. To drift back is to be lost; to stand still is to create the conditions that will lead to drifting back.
 - 2. Prov. 24:30-34; Heb. 6:12; Rom. 12:11-12; Eph. 5:14; 1Thes. 5:6

II. GET OUT

- A. On the evening of April 14, 1912, the Titanic sunk to the bottom of the ocean. Many lives were needlessly lost that evening, simply because they didn't get out of that ship when they could.
 - 1. Get out of sin while you can - Heb. 9:27
- B. Christ will return - Acts 17:31; 2Cor. 5:10; Matt. 7:21-23; Heb. 4:13
 - 1. Ecc. 12:14; 2Thes. 1:7-9
 - 2. If you wait until His return, there will be no time to get into Christ
 - 3. Now is the time to get out of sin.
- C. Get out of:
 - 1. Bad relationships - 1Cor. 15:33
 - 2. Bad habits - 1Tim. 4:12
 - 3. False faith - Matt. 15:13
 - 4. Sinful works - Gal. 5:19-21
 - 5. Many here have already gotten out of sin. Yet, there are others who are counting on a tomorrow that may never come - James 4:14-17
 - 6. Break free from the bondage of sin before it has you so tied up that you become reprobate and cannot leave.

III. GET IN

- A. You have no reason to be confident that you have more time
 - 1. Unexpected death can overtake us - Luke 12:20
 - 2. The unexpected return of the Lord could overtake us - 1Thes. 5:2-3
 - 3. Now is the time to get out of sin - 2Cor. 6:2
 - 4. But it is not enough to get out of sin; one must get into Christ.
- B. Contrasts between the Titanic and the Ark
 - 1. Needed to get out of the Titanic – needed to get in the ark.

2. Needed to get out of the Titanic sooner than they realized – needed to get in the ark before they realized.
 3. All who remained in the Titanic were lost – all who remained off the ark were lost.
 4. The loss of life of those in the Titanic could have been avoided – the loss of life of those outside the ark could have been avoided.
- C. There are two kingdoms in this world:
1. The kingdom of Satan
 - a. All who have chosen to sin are in this kingdom.
 - b. The Devil is the god of this world - 2Cor. 4:4
 - c. Sinners are slaves of the Devil - Rom. 6:16-22
 2. The Kingdom of God - Col. 1:13
 - a. There's no middle ground: you have to get out of the world and get in Christ; there's no going back and forth that is acceptable.
- D. Commitment needed to get in and stay in the Kingdom of God
1. We are going to have to admit our present state and need for something better - Acts 19:18
 2. We are going to have to abandon our ties with our past evil deeds - Acts 19:19
 3. We are going to have to understand that salvation is only in Jesus and hold onto it at any cost - 2Tim. 2:10
 4. We are going to have to study in order to learn how to get into Jesus Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27
 5. We are going to have to be diligent to remain in Jesus - 2Tim. 2:15; Rev. 2:10
- E. Do not delay in your obedience to Christ, nor postpone your return to faithfulness and fellowship.
1. Hell will be filled with people who had good intentions, but simply ran out of time.