

REAL KINGDOM *Living*



ARISE, SHINE
YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

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1. Intro

Joy Series

Isaiah 60 NIV The Glory of Zion

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. 2 See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. 3 Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.”

2025 | Favour and Fruitfulness



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2. Real Kingdom Living in 2025:

Strongly sensed the Lord wants to remind us, invite us and encourage us **AGAIN** to life where He is, inherit His ways and Kingdom in 2025

Simplicity and Biblical truth

Do you want a successful, supernatural,
glorious and stunning year in 2025?

Do you want to be the best you?



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Deny yourself
Pickup your cross
and follow Him





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2.1 Scripture: Matthew 16:13-27

We look at Peter today: *An illustration of God's grace to transform imperfect people for God's supernatural Kingdom purposes.*

Matthew 16 Peter's Confession of the Messiah

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 "But you," He asked them, "who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "**You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!**" 17 And Jesus responded, "Simon son of Jonah, **you are blessed** because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father in heaven.



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18 And I also say to you that you are **Peter**, and **on this rock** I will build My church, and the forces of Hades will not overpower it.

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19 I will give you the **keys of the kingdom** of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth is already bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth is already loosed in heaven.” 20 And He gave the disciples orders to tell no one that He was the Messiah.

- Authority



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His Death and Resurrection Predicted

21 From then on Jesus began to point out to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and **suffer many things** from the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and be raised the third day. 22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, “Oh no, Lord! This will never happen to You!”



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23 But He turned and told Peter, “**Get behind Me, Satan!** You are an offense to Me because you’re **not thinking about God’s concerns, but man’s.**”

What will we be concerned with in 2025 Shofar TBV?



Real Kingdom living is living for
His heart and concerns



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2.2 Our Key: Pursuing God's concerns

Take Up Your Cross

Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wants to come with Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.

-Not only KNOW about Him, but KNOW Him and follow Him

1. Deny yourself

2. Take up your cross



25 For whoever wants to **save his life will lose it**, but whoever **loses his life because of Me will find it**. 26 What will it benefit a man if he gains the whole world yet loses his life? Or what will a man give in **exchange** for his life? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come with His angels in the glory of His Father, and then He will reward each according to what he has done.

- *Let's chat*

LET'S CHAT -

Losing and saving

Deny yourself

Pickup your cross



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Matthew 16:13-27 progression and foundation for LIFE -



Finding your life | Fruitfulness, fulfilment, Kingdom living

Losing your life | Deny self | Pickup your cross | FOLLOW JESUS

Jesus builds His church | Our family | Rock

Live in authority

See and find yourself | True identity

See and find Jesus

Real Kingdom living





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Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. **It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.** And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



3. But why?

How is this even humanly possible [to lose your life] if everything in me wants to do the polar opposite?

The answer again lies in Him - seeing Him for who He is, being captured by His fulness and truth.

- A INTIMATE LOVE RELATIONSHIP

Is your heart still captured and captivated by Him?

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

Matthew 13:44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

The Parable of the Pearl of Great Value

45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

Jesus

Jesus, catch our hearts afresh



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Let's Pray



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