

## IT'S TIME TO RISE

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Isaiah 58:10 says, "If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then shall thy light rise in obscurity." Approximately 10 years ago, when I was coming through a rough patch in my life and was adjusting to life changes, the Lord revealed to me that I needed to focus less on me and more on the needs of others that were around me. It was important that I did not focus on my life conflict but reach out to those who needed love and care. When I took the spotlight off me and my situation I began to realize the purpose of life is to help others. Then it became easier to rise above my conflict.



It's time to rise above your situation. As a torch carrier for the Lord Jesus Christ we cannot allow our circumstances to blow out our light. If those around us are in the dark, then our light is needed to lead the way out of the darkness.

It's time to rise above our feelings (hurts and/or disappointments) or our desire to feel sorry for ourselves.

It's time to rise and extend our selves to others who need a life line. That doesn't mean our situation is insignificant but we choose to de-emphasis its impact. Our light arises within when we allow ourselves to be inspired by the Holy Spirit to put others needs before our own.

It is guaranteed the Lord will work on our behalf, so there's no real need to be overwhelmed instead we should overturn things by moving in the direction of blessing someone else's life. It can be done and since we are the lights of the world, it must be done.

It's time to rise and let the SON shine through you to make a difference in others lives.

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