



# AWAKEN

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**NORTHLAND  
CHURCH**

# The Best Sleeping Position

A message from Dr. Steve Brown

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## JOHN 10:22-42 (NIV)

<sup>22</sup> Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>24</sup> The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."

<sup>31</sup> Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, <sup>32</sup> but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?"

<sup>33</sup> "We are not stoning you for any good work," they replied, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are "gods"?' <sup>35</sup> If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be set aside—<sup>36</sup> what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'?" <sup>37</sup> Do not believe me unless I do the works of my Father. <sup>38</sup> But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father." <sup>39</sup> Again they tried to seize him, but he escaped their grasp.

<sup>40</sup> Then Jesus went back across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing in the early days. There he stayed, <sup>41</sup> and many people came to him. They said, "Though John never performed a sign, all that John said about this man was true." <sup>42</sup> And in that place many believed in Jesus.

**Sleepwalking.** It's what most of us do—not just at night but every day. Going through the motions, experiencing the routines, fulfilling the obligations, fighting the challenges... all the while pushing back a question gnawing at our core:

***“What is life for?!”***

Is life merely when cells are reproducing and a heart is beating? Every one of us has a persistent hunch there's more to the depth and dance of our existence than mere physical and scientific definitions. But where do we turn for a fuller, more accurate and credible understanding?

Two thousand years ago, a Galilean fisherman named Zebedee had two sons, James and John. The brothers were adventurous and opinionated and lived life in large fashion—in fact, they were given the nickname “Sons of Thunder” for their exuberance.

One day while they were working with their father repairing their fishing nets, a Rabbi named Jesus came to the lakeshore and called them both to be His disciples. Little did they know the dimensions and implications of that call or the true identity of the One who was calling them. But follow Him they did... and their understanding and experience of life were forever changed as a result.

The two brothers developed a close relationship with Jesus—especially John. Not only was he one of Jesus' disciples, but he became part of Christ's “inner circle” of companions, and of those, John was probably the closest to Jesus. It was John who sat next to Jesus, and actually leaned against Him, during the disciples' final supper together the night before He was crucified. And it was John to whom Jesus, as He was being crucified, entrusted the future care of Mary, His mother.

During those years of following Jesus—absorbing His teaching, watching Him live, listening to His laughter and wisdom, observing Him interacting with people, seeing Him die on the cross, witnessing His resurrection from the dead and ascension to the Father, receiving His Spirit and then devoting his life to serving Christ's Kingdom purposes—John was impacted at the core of his life story and eternity.

As the days turned into decades, John became a principal leader of the expanding community of Christ's followers hundreds of miles north in the large and influential region of Asia Minor. In the sunset years of his life, John, under the leadership and inspiration of Christ's Spirit, began to write down what he had seen and heard so people like us could enter into the same understanding and experience of life John had—a view of Life authored and enabled by Jesus.

Through John's firsthand observation and experience of Jesus... through his relationship with Him... and through the inspired words he wrote... we meet the Author of Life and the Redeemer of our stories. On the pages of this Gospel of John, Jesus beckons us with an invitation. With a call. With a summons.

“Believe and follow Me, and you'll taste Life as I intended for it to be lived.”

In other words—**AWAKEN.**

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## UPCOMING SERVICES

» **Mar 28-29** | AWAKEN | Resurrection Life | John 11:1-44 | Pastor Rob Hemphill

» **Apr 4-5** | **PALM SUNDAY** | AWAKEN | One For All | John 11:45-57 | Pastor Matt Heard

# What's Current

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## Weekly Lent Content

Videos by pastors, blogs for the whole family, and more!

[NorthlandChurch.net/Lent](http://NorthlandChurch.net/Lent)

## Good Friday Online Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 | NOON

[NorthlandChurch.net/GoodFriday](http://NorthlandChurch.net/GoodFriday)

## Easter Worship Services Join us online and invite a friend!

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 | 5 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 | 8, 10 A.M. & NOON

[NorthlandChurch.net/Easter](http://NorthlandChurch.net/Easter)

## Tithes and Offerings

Amidst a global pandemic and widespread economic insecurity, God is still on His throne and we, as His people, are still called to be the hands, feet and voice of Jesus to those around us. As we grapple with uncertainty, both individually and corporately, there is no question—now more than ever—the body of believers called Northland will continue advancing the gospel message forward with Life-giving action: praying, connecting, serving, and giving.

Jesus said, “give to God what belongs to God” (Mark 12:17 NLT). Generosity and stewardship is launched from a place of security knowing everything we have—our life, our breath, our resources—come from Him. With confidence in that rock-solid truth, we can love one another with upturned hearts and open palms.

Last week, even without our physical gatherings, you gave \$140,921 in tithes and offerings. We thank God for your faithfulness and praise Him for His provision. Thank you for equipping your church to continue, in all times and in every circumstance, to ... **Engage people to be fully alive in Jesus.**

### First Quarter (QTR) 2020

January 1 – March 30



### RESULTS AS OF 3/15/2020



TOTAL NEED FOR QTR  
**\$2,131,132**  
PERCENT OF NEED MET  
**73.1%**

*Praying for you,  
your loved ones,  
our community,  
our country and  
the world during this  
unprecedented time.*

*If you'd like to learn more or have questions related to finances at Northland, contact our finance team at [FinanceTeam@NorthlandChurch.net](mailto:FinanceTeam@NorthlandChurch.net).*

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