



Reaping Repentance In the Lives of Those We Lead

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In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two wings they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory”...

“Woe to me!” Isaiah cried out, “I am ruined. For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin is atoned for. ~Isaiah 6:1-10

Isaiah heard God calling out from his heavenly throne, “Who shall I send, and who shall go for us?” As Isaiah experienced forgiveness from his confessed sin, embracing God’s peace in exchange for his guilt, Isaiah was able to respond to God’s call, “Here am I. Send me!” God’s Holiness not only brought Isaiah peace from his guilt, but divine purpose for his life.

As I align myself with God’s will and remain in a place of humility and obedience before the Lord, I can have this same impact on those I am entrusted to lead. God’s Spirit can reap repentance and restoration in me and through me. As a redeemed woman of God, I have the opportunity to reveal both sides of God’s character: righteousness and mercy. My own transformed life of grace and restoration can bring others to the journey with me.

My hope is that I can be the kind of leader who has the same impact on others as Isaiah experienced before God’s throne.

- Do my actions point to God’s holiness, helping others to see their sin and their need for a Savior?
- Is my life a reflection of the Living God of righteousness, truth, and mercy?
- Is my life a vessel of God’s glory, leading those around me to become both aware of their sin as well as God’s grace?
- As a leader in God’s kingdom, am I a living testimony of God’s power to judge, forgive, and restore?

May we be a people who not only live repentant and holy lives, but may we also inspire repentance and restoration in the lives of those we lead.