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OUR GENERATION'S RESPONSIBILITY

"For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his fathers and his body decayed."

Acts 13:36

THE PRIVILEGE OF LIVING IN OUR GENERATION

Every generation has the privilege of seeing interesting things during the course of their life. Each person lives, loves, works, and walks in their own generation. Some of our family members lived in their generation and saw some interesting things. For example, our grandparents were witnesses of seeing the first airplanes take off and fly; others saw the advent of the television, and others saw the internet born as well as the arrival of cell phones. Every generation sees new things and take advantage of their opportunities or waste their opportunities according to their decisions.

David's name in biblical history is very important. He was the most famous king of the people of God in the Old Testament. As king, he did good and bad things, but at the end, he was able to finish his days having fulfilled his purpose. The Bible says that he served his generation. That means that he made sure that the people knew that everything he had accomplished had been from the hand and the power of God. David is an example of how to serve your generation.

NEITHER DAVID, PETER OR JOHN ARE ALIVE TODAY, BUT WE ARE

"...we cannot keep from saying what we have seen and heard."

Acts 4:20

In chapter 4 of the book of Acts, the story of a lame man, who for many years and how when Peter and John found him and served him, is mentioned. When the lame man asked for money, they gave Him what they had at the precise moment on that day 2,000 years ago. They served their generation.

It was not gold or silver but it was something more important. Just as David said, *"It is He who forgives our iniquities, and heals all our infirmities,"* (Psalms 103:3) these men gave this man the best gift that was Jesus. They said to him, *"We have no silver*

or gold, but what we have we give to you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise and walk.” Acts 3:6

Well, since neither David, nor Peter nor John are no longer here, so, it is our turn to do the same thing they did. There are needy people all around us.

Someone needs to say to them that there is someone who can heal their hurts and give them peace that nobody else in this generation can give them. That need is not found within the four walls of a church nor within a house. It is found all around us. Think for a moment of the needs in our community. They're many, right?

You and I can serve this generation with the message of the gospel because we are the ones living in the here and now. Don't you think that is a privilege? We live during the best time. God has allowed us to be born now so that we can be of help to others.

OUR MESSAGE SHOULD BE PROCLAIMED EVERYWHERE

The surprising thing is that David, Peter and John, did these things outside the temple. For example, David saved Israel from a giant named Goliath on the battlefield. Peter and John healed this poor man outside the temple doors and they did it because they could not stop from saying what they had seen and heard. David, killed the giant because he had seen how God had freed him from the bear and the lion way before he encountered Goliath. It's simple, we are more effective outside the church walls than we are inside. All we have to do is look around and meet someone's need.

How many things has God freed us from? First, He has given us eternal life and we are not on our way to hell. Secondly, He has blessed us in such a way that we can say with David, *“He crowns you with blessings and mercies.”* Psalm 103:4. Every technological, medical, and social breakthrough is for our benefit. God has been good.

So let's us do the same in return. You'll see how glad others will be. The man that God healed through Peter and John, jumped and leaped with joy when he was healed. Imagine how someone will react when they find the gospel's freedom.

CONCLUSION

Someone has to know who Jesus is! You and I are the voices that God has raised up in this time. In every house, zone, zip code, state, and nation there is a hungry generation who wants to hear the good news of health and blessing. They are waiting for us. They're not waiting for David, or John, or Peter because they are no longer with us, but, guess what? We are alive and we are here. Let's do something about it.

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS:

1. – What does this subject tell us about God?
2. – What does it say to my life?
3. – What does it say about others?