



# ANOTHER AWAKENING

a 2-part sermon series  
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## ANOTHER AWAKENING - PART 2

### INTRODUCTION

In the previous part of this series, we looked at Archippus, a seemingly minor personality encouraged by Paul at the end of his letter to the Colossians. We identified four attributes of his life:

- **Almost anonymous, but mentioned by name**
- **Aware but not apathetic**
- **Assignments, not activities**
- **Anything but aimless**

We were urged to live like him.

This week, the call to be Archippuses is made with greater urgency. *“Dear children, this is the last hour” (1 John 2:18a NIV)* **Are we ready?**

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How have you changed since the first part of this sermon series was preached? Using one of Archippus’ characteristics, describe the steps you took to change.
2. *“He who testifies to these things says, ‘Yes, I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.” (Revelation 22:20 NIV)*

The church of the apostles moved in power, in part because they lived with urgent hope in Jesus’ second coming, and urgent knowledge of the accompanying Day of Judgment. If we are being honest, to what extent do we live with these at the forefront of our minds?

What prevents us from taking this “last hour” seriously? How should our lives practically change with the conviction that we are living in the “last hour”?

3. Read Revelation 3:14-22. Recall as a group what is meant by being “lukewarm”. Do an inductive bible study (observations, interpretation and application). You may use the following as a guide.

- i. Posture your heart. Spend some time in prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to be your teacher. Open your heart to the Lord to speak to you.
- ii. Read the verses aloud.
- iii. Ask some context questions of the passage:
  - What sort of writing is this? (a letter, a poem, a narrative etc.?)
  - Are there any clues about the circumstances under which it was written?
  - What has happened so far in this particular book of the Bible?
- iv. Some observation questions of the passage:
  - Are there any major sub-sections or breaks in the passage?
  - What is/are the main point or points?
  - What surprises are there?
  - What are the key words? What words or ideas are repeated?
- v. Some leading questions of the text:
  - How does this passage relate to other parts of the book?
  - How does the passage relate to Jesus?
  - What does this teach us about God?
  - How could we sum up the meaning of this passage in our own words?
- vi. Some application questions of the passage:
  - How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?
  - Is there some attitude you need to change?
  - How does this passage call on you to change the way you live?
  - How might you as a LifeGroup support each other to change the way you live?

## **WHAT WOULD YOU DO?**

*“Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!” (Matthew 25:21, 23 NIV)*

The call to be an Archippus is still active. And the pressing questions are still the same. Do you know what your Area of Operations is, what things have been entrusted into your care? How faithful have you been to your assignment? How do you keep awake, alert, and active in the work God has given you?

Take some time as a group to share your reflections over the sermon series. And pray, knowing that as in *Revelation 3:20*, “*if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.*”

## **CHANGE YOUR MINDSET**

*And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfil the ministry that you have received in the Lord.” - Colossians 4:7*