

STOP RESISTING ARREST

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KEY POINTS

- ❖ To be arrested is defined as the action of seizing someone—sometimes by legal authority—and taking them into custody.
- ❖ When most people think about others being arrested, they think about the police apprehending someone based on the suspicion that they have committed or have helped to commit a crime. So, how then should we respond when Jesus is the one trying to arrest, or apprehend, us?
- ❖ In Philippians 3:12 (NLT), Paul says he was “possessed” by Jesus. This same verse in the King James Version of the Bible says that Paul was “apprehended” by Jesus.
- ❖ Now, Paul wasn’t arrested by Jesus without a reason. He goes on to say that he wanted to fulfill the purpose for which Jesus had arrested him.
- ❖ Jesus is trying to arrest all of us so that we may fulfill His purpose. What we need to do is stop resisting arrest.
- ❖ To explain the concept of resisting being arrested by Jesus, all we need to do is look to Jesus Himself.
- ❖ When Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, there was a struggle of purpose or wills. One was to follow the purpose/will of God, while the other was to follow the purpose/will of His human desires. Ultimately, Jesus surrendered to the purpose of God for His life. (See Matthew 26:36-44; Galatians 5:17.)
- ❖ It’s important to note that this was a serious struggle for the man Christ Jesus. It will also be a struggle for us. But by the power of God’s Spirit, and our willingness to obey, we will overcome!
- ❖ In this manner, Paul also had to go through the experience of stopping his resistance to Jesus’ arrest, as recorded in Acts 9:1-6. Paul, who was formerly known as Saul, was a Hebrew Pharisee who was so committed to the Old Testament teachings that he persecuted Jewish people who had accepted Jesus as their Saviour.
- ❖ Paul thought that his actions were pleasing to God, but what he had been doing was resisting the revelation being taught by the followers of Jesus. Ultimately, he had been blinded by his own desires and passions.
- ❖ We are like Paul in many ways—believing that by pursuing our own desires and passions that we are doing something that is pleasing to God. But the reality is that this may not be the case, and we may be resisting arrest by Jesus. This occurs when we resist the revelation of His Word or the teaching of His followers.
- ❖ Eventually, Paul encountered a light from heaven that he could not ignore (Acts 9:3).
- ❖ What has Jesus been doing to get our attention, to get us to stop resisting arrest? What will it take for Him to finally get our attention?

KEY SCRIPTURE: Philippians 3:12-14 (NLT)

- ❖ If we are willing to stop resisting Jesus, it will literally transform our character and the essence of who we are as people in a powerful and dramatic way.
- ❖ By the time Paul wrote his letter to the Philippians, he had already surrendered to Jesus and allowed Himself to be arrested by Him. He warned them not to follow the doctrine he used to teach—the same doctrine for which he was willing to kill people who did not follow it.
- ❖ But now he had been arrested by Jesus and had surrendered to His calling. As a result, his life’s focus and priorities had changed (see Phil. 3:7-10).
- ❖ Paul, who had an advanced knowledge of the Jewish law, only wanted to know Jesus after surrendering to Him. He wanted to know Him and experience Him in a powerful way (v. 10).
- ❖ Paul recognized that Jesus had apprehended him, so that he could apprehend (or understand) Jesus’ purpose for his life.
- ❖ That purpose was to show God’s character to the world through his life and ultimately be resurrected from the dead to live with Jesus in heaven for eternity.
- ❖ Ironically, Paul was in prison when he wrote his letter to the Philippians. He had been arrested by the authorities because he had allowed himself to be arrested by Jesus.
- ❖ By surrendering to being arrested by Jesus, Paul was transformed from being Saul—meaning “ask or question”—to being Paul, which means “small or humble.”
- ❖ In order to be powerfully and dramatically transformed, we need to stop resisting arrest and surrender to Jesus.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. What do you think it means to be “arrested by Jesus”? Is this a one-time event or an ongoing experience throughout a Christian’s life?
2. What are some common obstacles that prevent people from surrendering to Jesus’ will (e.g., fear, doubt, etc.)?
3. What are some signs that a person has stopped resisting “arrest” by Jesus and has surrendered to His leading? How might those signs differ for a follower of Christ versus a non-follower?
4. How does surrendering to Jesus lead to transformation?
5. Read Philippians 3:9. Why is faith essential to surrendering our lives to Jesus rather than relying on our own efforts or accomplishments?

PRAYER TIME

Lord, please help me to sincerely surrender to Your will and purpose for my life.

Start-up: Has there ever been an instance where you either surrendered or resisted doing something? How did it turn out?

WEEK OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week’s message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 🌱 (New idea) 🗨️ (Think about)
! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ➡️ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
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PRAYER FOCUS: Personal spiritual growth

24-hour Prayer: Daily;

Daily Devotions: Monday - Friday @ 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.;
Departmental Prayer: Every Thursday (please check schedule)

Corporate Prayer: Every Friday @ 7:00 p.m. (and in person every second Friday @ 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.).

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MEN'S EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE

The Ontario District Men's Empowerment Conference will be held at Huyck's Bay Camp Ground from Thursday, August 13th to Saturday, August 15th. You don't want to miss this time of equipping and refreshing! Registration is open. To sign up, go to www.ontariomensministry.com. For more information, contact Bro. Ken Kinyera or Pastor Lucy Peel.

FAITH FAMILY BBQ

Our Faith Family BBQ will be taking place after service on Sunday, August 16th. Friends and family are invited. For more information, contact Pastor Lucy Peel.

FYYA NIGHT

Date: Friday, August 21st, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Location: Main Sanctuary

Contacts: Pastor Dan Peel, Rev. Naomi Kovach, or Sis. Shayanne Solomon

SUMMER SATURDAYS

Do you want to hear something cool? Summer Saturdays are taking place each Saturday from August 1st to September 12th. Summer Saturdays is where you don't have to plan anything fun for the family—we do that for you. Whether it's men's soccer, ping pong, board games, hiking, or enjoying a cup of tea during book club, we've got you covered! Sign up at the front foyer or see Sis. Tope for further details.

FAITH SANCTUARY WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.
(Listen via phone: 1-844-268-4848)

Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.
(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)

Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.
(In person and via Zoom)

Friday Evening Service @ 8:00 p.m.
(In person and via Zoom)

Life Group Meetings – individually scheduled
(see ushers for information)

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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"Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ...."
Philippians 3:9 (NLT)

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