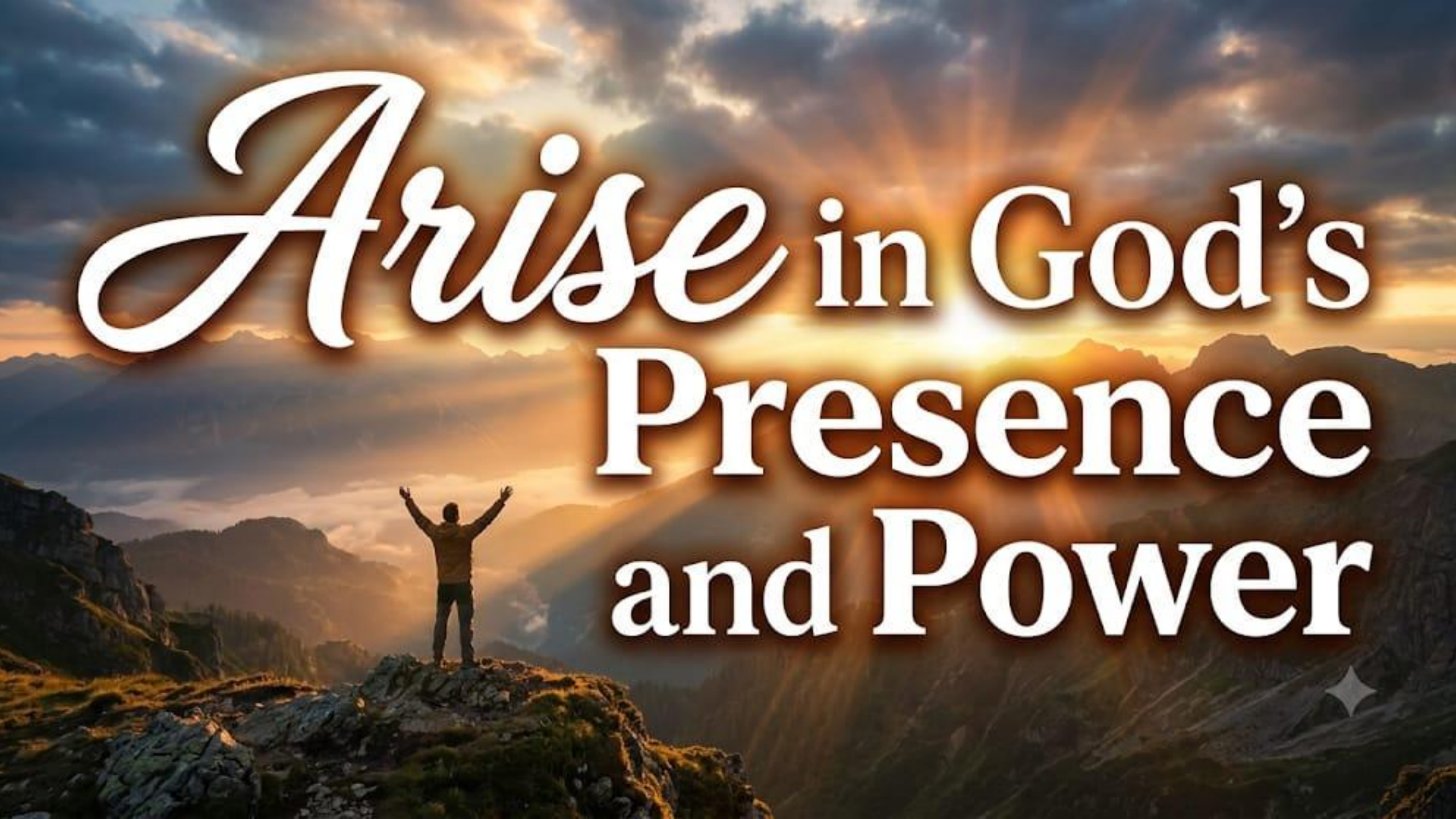


A person stands on a rocky mountain peak, arms raised in a gesture of praise or triumph. The sun is rising behind a range of mountains, creating a dramatic scene with rays of light and a warm, golden glow. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds. The overall mood is one of awe, inspiration, and spiritual connection.

# *Arise* in God's Presence and Power





# Radiant

*Matthew 5:13–16*

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## Matthew 5:13–16

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

## Three Movements

# The Path to Radiance

01



## The Calling

INWARD

Identity — Who We Are

*v.13–14, “You are...”*

02



## The Valuing

OUTWARD

Worth — Whose We Are

*v.13–14, Salt & Light*

03



## The Arising

UPWARD

Purpose — Who We Live For

*v.16, Glorify the Father*



POINT 1

# The Calling

*INWARD • Identity — Who We Are*

## Point 1 — The Calling

# Jesus calls out the buried true self

### WHAT THE TEXT SHOWS

- “**You are**” — present tense, settled fact (Bible word is *hymeis este*)
- Jesus was speaking to the **poor in spirit**, those who **mourn, insulted, persecuted falsely accused, slandered**, (Matt 5:3-11)
- Identity is spoken over us — not earned by us
- The calling uncovers what was already placed there

## Michelangelo & the Marble

"I did not create David. I removed everything that wasn't David."

Jesus isn't manufacturing salt-and-light — He's calling out what's already there, buried under fear, shame, or what others have said we are.

## Point 1 — The Calling

# Reflection

**01**

What version of yourself have you believed for years that isn't the one Jesus is calling out?

**02**

Identity comes before instruction. Stop trying to become — start letting Him tell you who you already are.

**03**

This week: begin each morning naming "I am who Christ says I am" before naming your to-do list.



POINT 2

# The Valuing

*OUTWARD • Worth — Whose We Are*

## POINT 2 — THE VALUING

# How God values us: salt and light

### WHAT THE TEXT SHOWS

- Salt = currency & preservative (Roman soldiers paid in salt — "salary")
- Light = necessity, not decoration, in a world with no electricity
- You are indispensable — not optional, not garnish
- Worth is assigned by the Owner, not generated by output

### The Crumpled RM10 Bill

Crushed, dropped, ground underfoot — still worth RM10. Value was never determined by condition.

Your worth wasn't just declared — it was paid for. Salt is valuable in small quantities. Light matters most in the dark.

## Point 2 — The Valuing

# Reflection

**01**

Stop measuring your worth by usefulness to others, measure it by what God paid to have you.

**02**

Where have you started believing you're replaceable? Bring that belief to the cross this week.

**03**

We don't need to be the strongest, richest, smartest, prettiest... to be indispensable.



POINT 3

# The Arising

*UPWARD • Purpose — Who We Live For*

## Point 3 — The Arising

# A Call to Live Authentically

### WHAT THE TEXT SHOWS

- Salt that loses its saltiness is thrown out (v.13)
- Light hidden under a basket fails at its one purpose (v.15)
- Visibility was never the point — the Father was
- "...that they may glorify your Father in heaven" (v.16)

## The Lighthouse Keeper

"Keep the light burning. Don't worry about the ships."

The keeper's job was never to chase vessels — only to stay faithfully lit. Ships were saved because the light was consistently there.

### Point 3 — The Arising

## Reflection

**01**

Am I shining for  
applause, or letting  
Christ's life overflow  
so He gets seen?

**02**

Name one place  
you've hidden your  
light under a basket  
this year — bring it to  
God this week.

**03**

Authentic light draws  
people not to us, but  
to the Father. That's  
the aim of becoming  
radiant.



**RADIANT**

**Calling. Valuing. Arising.**

*Be who you already are, in the open, for His glory.*

MATTHEW 5:13–16