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## Teaching Outline

### Stayin' Alive: Being A Church With A Future Living Courageously

In order to be a church with a \_\_\_\_\_ ... we need to live  
\_\_\_\_\_ !!

#### First Example:

**Mark 5:19-20 (NLT)** <sup>19</sup> But Jesus said, "No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been."<sup>20</sup> So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.

By choosing to be a church with a future... we're saying to  
Jesus... You \_\_\_\_\_, we'll \_\_\_\_\_ !!

#### Second Example:

**Gen 7:13-16 (NLT)** <sup>13</sup> That very day Noah had gone into the boat with his wife and his sons—Shem, Ham, and Japheth—and their wives.<sup>14</sup> With them in the boat were pairs of every kind of animal—domestic and wild, large and small—along with birds of every kind.<sup>15</sup> Two by two they came into the boat, representing every living thing that breathes.<sup>16</sup> A male and female of each kind entered, just as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD closed the door behind them.

**NLT Hebrews 11:7** It was by faith that Noah built an ark to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about something that had never happened before. By his faith he condemned the rest of the world and was made right in God's sight.

By choosing to be a church/people with a future... we will be  
\_\_\_\_\_ by God!!

#### Third Example:

Rahab's \_\_\_\_\_ transformed her life!!

**NLT Matthew 1:5** Salmon was the father of Boaz (his mother was Rahab). Boaz was the father of Obed (his mother was Ruth). Obed was the father of Jesse.

#### Example 4:

**Judges 4:17-22 (NLT)** <sup>17</sup> Meanwhile, Sisera ran to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, because Heber's family was on friendly terms with King Jabin of Hazor.<sup>18</sup> Jael went out to meet Sisera and said to him, "Come into my tent, sir. Come in. Don't be afraid." So he went into her tent, and she covered him with a blanket.<sup>19</sup> "Please give me some water," he said. "I'm thirsty." So she gave him some milk from a leather bag and covered him again.<sup>20</sup> "Stand at the door of the tent," he told her. "If anybody comes and asks you if there is anyone here, say no."<sup>21</sup> But when Sisera fell asleep from exhaustion, Jael quietly crept up to him with a hammer and tent peg in her hand. Then she drove the tent peg through his temple and into the ground, and so he died.<sup>22</sup> When Barak came looking for Sisera, Jael went out to meet him. She said, "Come, and I will show you the man you are looking for." So he followed her into the tent and found Sisera lying there dead, with the tent peg through his temple.

**Judges 5:24 (NLT)** <sup>24</sup> "Most blessed among women is Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite. May she be blessed above all women who live in tents.

Sometimes, being a church with a future means facing powerful  
\_\_\_\_\_ and relying on God's \_\_\_\_\_  
to defeat them!!

#### Example 5:

**1 Kings 18:36-40 (NLT)** <sup>36</sup> At the usual time for offering the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet walked up to the altar and prayed, "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant. Prove that I have done all this at your command."<sup>37</sup> O LORD, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself."<sup>38</sup> Immediately the fire of the LORD flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the trench!<sup>39</sup> And when all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, "The LORD—he is God! Yes, the LORD is God!"<sup>40</sup> Then Elijah commanded, "Seize all the prophets of Baal. Don't let a single one escape!" So the people seized them all, and Elijah took them down to the Kishon Valley and killed them there.

How far out on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ are we willing to go?

Will we have the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus?