



JUST CHURCH • Part 3

## Just Courage

*Seeing the Need and Hearing the Call*

Isaiah 1:16-17, 6:5-8

Isaiah 1:1

<sup>1</sup> The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

## Courage to Own Guilt

*You Have Spurned and Forsaken Me*

Isaiah 1:2-4

<sup>2</sup> Hear me, you heavens! Listen, earth! For the LORD has spoken: “**I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me.**” <sup>3</sup> The ox knows its master, the donkey its owner’s manger, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand.” <sup>4</sup> Woe to the sinful nation, a people whose guilt is great, a brood of evildoers, children given to corruption! **They have forsaken the LORD; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him.**

## Courage to Face Pretense

*I Cannot Bear Your Worthless Assemblies*

Isaiah 1:11-15

<sup>11</sup> “The multitude of your sacrifices—what are they to me?” says the LORD. “I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. <sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts? <sup>13</sup> **Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me.** New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—I **cannot bear your worthless assemblies.** <sup>14</sup> Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. <sup>15</sup> When you spread out your hands in prayer, I **hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening.** Your hands are full of blood!

## Courage to Seek Justice

*Wash Yourself - Stop Doing Wrong*

Isaiah 1:16-18

<sup>16</sup> **Wash and make yourselves clean.** Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. <sup>17</sup> **Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.** <sup>18</sup> “Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

## Courage to Answer the Call

*Whom Shall I Send? Who Will Go?*

Isaiah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” <sup>4</sup> At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup> “**Woe to me!**” I cried. “**I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.**”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” **And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”**