

THE BIG IDEA: Until we're undone, we won't get the job done.

The Take-Off

Have you ever been in a place when God showed up?

Maybe it was at church, maybe it was somewhere totally unexpected, but there was absolutely no denying that something had shifted in the room and God was there

Not really in a spooky way, or a religious way, but in a real way

We're going to read the story of a man who had that happen, and we're going to see his response, and his response is going to be our "un" word this morning.

He saw the Lord, and he was "undone"

Let's read Isaiah 6:1-8, and then let's talk about 3 things that Isaiah saw that led to that response...

1. God on a throne

- a. First thing he saw was God on a throne, but not just God and not just a throne
- b. Isaiah doesn't say that he saw Yahweh, but Adonai
- c. He saw THE LORD on THE THRONE - higher and more exalted than any throne man could attempt to occupy
- d. Here's the deal - many of us don't live undone before God because He's just AN option for us instead of our ONLY option
- e. We're a Game of Thrones culture, aren't we? I don't watch it, but the fact that bunch of people are fighting to control the Iron Throne is a pretty good picture of the times we live in, isn't it?
- f. Everyone's fighting to get on the throne, but ultimately, there is only one throne and only room for one God on it.
- g. His name is Adonai.
- h. Isaiah saw the LORD, and the question that we'll get to soon is, do we?

2. The temple filled with glory

- a. Do you know what happens when we see God as our Lord?
- b. He fills things.
- c. His robe filled the temple, and His glory filled the earth.
- d. There is shaking, and smoke and power.
- e. This is the weightiness of glory, something that is felt.
- f. It is experienced and not just discussed. It goes beyond words and explanation. It is thick and it is heavy.
- g. 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 is all about seeing God as our Lord and making choices to let His glory fill the new temple of our bodies!
- h. He is Lord on the throne, and we are temples destined to be full of His glory, but it is our response to these first 2 truths that will determine whether or not we live up to our destiny
- i. It is what Isaiah saw next and what he did about it that holds the key for you, me and our church going forward

3. Himself in light of 1 and 2

- a. Before we really get into this last point, we need to make sure we know something about ourselves:
 - Jeremiah 17:9 says our hearts are deceitful more than anything else
 - That sounds harsh, and it's easy to say it's OT and surely Jesus changed that, right?
 - Wrong. Jesus agreed. In John 2:24 He didn't trust His popularity among "followers" because He knew the heart of men.
 - To drive the point home, Paul said in Romans 6 that he was a wretched man. And he was a Christ follower.
- b. Why is that so important? Because our tendency is to walk into a room with a throne and sit on it.
- c. And even if we don't sit on it, our tendency is to sit on it without sitting on it.
- d. We give the throne to God, but make it all about us, which means we're still actually on the throne.
- e. Look what Isaiah DIDN'T do. He didn't see the throne, the Lord, the smoke and super amped sound and light show and say, "Yeah! It's about time! I needed this, and I deserved this! All this because God loves me and knows that I AM AWESOME!!"
- f. No. He cried out, "No!! I'm ruined! I am everything that you are not!"
- g. He saw God on the throne, saw the glory filling the temple, and then he saw himself in light of both of those.

- h. And the only proper response is, "I am undone."
- i. The word is translated as lost, ruined, doomed
- j. It literally means "to be cut off"
- k. Something happens when we really see the Lord. Have you noticed?
- l. Other things, other people, tend to fade away.
- m. Options don't satisfy us anymore
- n. Seeing His lordship and glory has a way of making everything less about us, and when Isaiah saw himself in light of those 2 things, he knew he had one option - God
- o. He was cut off from everything else. He was undone.

The Landing

So, that's awesome and all, but what does it mean for us?

It means that until we're in that place - undone and cut off from all other options but Jesus - we won't allow God to send us

Look at what Isaiah did in verse 8! He was undone, and because God cleansed him, he said "yes" to the mission!

And it all starts with being cut off - with being undone

Our Big Idea says it like this: **until we're undone, we won't get the job done.**

I'm not totally sure how to tell you to live this out practically.

I think a big part of it is simply deciding that you're all in, ships are burned and Jesus is the only option

Our yes to Jesus means a no to everything else

I didn't marry Wendy until someone better comes along.

I married her because something about her ruined me.

I couldn't talk right around her, I became a love sick man unable to form the right words

It became less about doing things right and more about being with the right person

Wendy made me undone - and I am gladly cut off from all other options in order to be with her

When we're in that place with Jesus, we'll find ourselves, like Isaiah, saying, "Send me."