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I found Arise and Go to be a great read to challenge me to open my eyes and to see how God can use me and our congregation all around us. What I love about this read is I know Ronald's heart and life of compassion and service and it is evident in Arise and Go. You will be encouraged and challenged to make a Kingdom difference every day.

In Christ,  
Mark Westerfield,  
Senior Pastor

Pastor Bell masterfully guided the reader into not just who God is, but also how He wants to be connected to every area of our lives by providing ample testimonies of how there is nothing in our lives too small or big for the Lord. After each chapter, you are left with not only more instruction but also with how to apply the information you have received into growing your relationship with God by walking by faith. You get to see real life encounters with how God is faithful, merciful, loving and always on time! Pastor Bell encourages, edifies and walks out the faith-walk of the Christian believer to give you what you need to grow your relationship with God.

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# **CHAPTER 1**

## **ON YOUR FEET**

### Introduction

There may be many times in our lives when we are down and have problems getting back up. It might be from a situation we have caused or something that just happened to us. We may not be able to control the incident, but we do have control over our reaction. Time to get on our feet. There are times when we must decide to get up, pick up our bed and walk, and choose to give praise and thanks to the Lord. For He is good and His

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mercy lasts forever. We elect to pray with thanksgiving.

## God

No matter what your level of faith, commitment or submission to the Lord Jesus, choosing to praise God will bring us to our feet, and having the ability to get on our feet will give us more reason to praise God.

## Encouragement

I encourage you to seek how you can get on your feet and serve the Lord where God has you now. At work, school, neighborhood, gym, family, etc. Seek and find a way to serve Him by loving others and by serving others.

## Outward

For thirteen years God called me to lead an outreach ministry called Praise in the Park. Our heart, call and focus was to see God praised outside the four walls of the church. We endeavored to get various Christian denominations, ethnicities, communities, interest



groups, businesses and education facilities to come together to serve a region by actively supporting students and families. This was the foundation that we “got up on our feet” and stood on. We committed one to five years in each city park community we served. It was not easy; it took a lot to get on our feet. We faced rejection, trials, and many challenges as we encouraged others to “get on their feet” and serve together. There is a heart and vision that God has for each community. Our focus needs to be on the fact that we do not fight against flesh and blood but against principalities and wickedness in high places. We went door to door praying for individuals and families. We provided yard services, afterschool programs in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), sports, dance and other activities, plus alternative Christian Halloween events. As we served in these ways, we gradually saw change.

## Get Up and Out

In our city, there have been many outreach movements. I have had the blessed opportunity to serve with Love the Rock, Global Day of Prayer, National Day of Prayer, Rez Week, Hopefest, and others. God wants to use *you* to bring His glory to His city. Will you stand on your feet and say YES?

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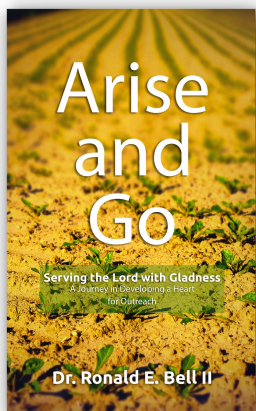
## Prayer

Lord, please use me for Your glory in my city. Let me not lean on my own understanding (Proverbs 3:6) regarding what it may or should look like or not look like. I love You Lord, and I want to serve You. Stir up the desire within me to have a heart for those in my city and for my city; to have Your heart. I want what You want. I surrender.

## Scripture

Then the Levites—Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodia, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah—said, “Stand up and bless (praise, honor) the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting. May Your glorious name be blessed and exalted above all blessing and praise.”

NEHEMIAH 9:5



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