

Victory Connect Lesson
Red Talk: Living Wide Awake
April 2, 2023

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3. Why have so many Christians fallen asleep?

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- b. Shame (over one's own mistakes)
- c. Daily hustle (take a break from sp. life)
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5. There Reasons to Wake Up to:

- a. Wake up to the significance of right now. This is a time for the Church to be strong. Are you living wide awake to the significance of God's purpose in you? Or are you living on autopilot?
- b. Wake up to God working in you right now.
- c. Wake up to the "who" and the "what" God has brought you.

Discussion Questions:

1. Share a time when you resisted hitting the "snooze" button?
2. Who is the "who" God has brought to you?
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