

# Comfort of Jesus Calling Us Out

## I Thes 4:13-18

Story – Man spending the night next to train track

Whistle woke him up in the middle of the night, though Jesus was coming back

### 3 Problems:

*1 Thes 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.*

1. Ignorant
2. Sorrow
3. No Hope

*JESUS IS OUR BLESSED HOPE!!!!*

### 1. RELY ON CERTAINTY OF HIS CALLING

#### a. Gospel itself

##### 1. Saving Power

I'm not where I want to be, I'm not what I want to be  
But Praise God, I'm not who I used to be

##### 2. Death, Burial, Resurrection

*1 Cor 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.*

*For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;  
And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures:*

#### b. Sure Word of the Lord

##### 1. Prophet's word cannot be broken

*Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised  
before the world began;*

##### 2. Jesus Arose 1st

First Fruits – Prove we will live also

*1Thes 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.*

## 2. REST IN THE COMFORT OF HIS CALLING

### a. The Majesty of His Return

*1Thes 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God:*

### b. The Miracle of His Redemption

*1Thes 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.*

#### 1. We need to stop looking for SIGNS, and start listening for SOUNDS

##### 2. The AUTHOR initiates the Shout

*Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;*

### c. The Mystery of the Rapture

*1Thes 4:16 ...and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

1. Caught up from one Place to another
2. Seized with a Force
3. Delivered from Danger

### d. The Marvel of our Reunion

*1Thes 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

1. We SHALL see our loved ones already gone on to Heaven
2. We SHALL see Him, Jesus Himself

live Story – Men at war, snow piles up over night...Did not know who was dead or

Trumpet would sound in the morning, mounds would move

Dead in Christ will rise when He blows the trumpet!!!!

*1Thes 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words*