

# Philippians Daily Walk

## Theme 3: Hope

### Day 3 — Philippians 3:10–11

#### Resurrection Power

#### Key Scripture

*"I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead." —  
Philippians 3:10-11*

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#### Introduction

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of Christian hope. Without the resurrection, Christianity would simply be another philosophy or religious system. But because Jesus conquered death, believers have access to a power that transforms lives, restores hope, and provides victory over sin, fear, and despair.

Paul's greatest desire was not wealth, comfort, influence, or success. His deepest longing was to

know Christ and experience the power of His resurrection.

This resurrection power is not only something believers will experience in eternity—it is available today. The same power that raised Jesus from the grave can strengthen us through trials, transform our character, and help us overcome the challenges we face.

Philippians 3:10-11 reminds us that God's greatest victories often come after seasons of struggle, suffering, and surrender.

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## **Scripture Focus**

### **Philippians 3:10-11**

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## **Historical Context**

Paul wrote these words while imprisoned for his faith. Despite years of ministry, miracles, church

planting, and spiritual accomplishments, Paul still desired a deeper relationship with Christ.

Notice that Paul did not simply want to know about Jesus.

He wanted to know Jesus personally.

Paul understood that true spiritual transformation comes through experiencing both the power of Christ's resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings.

His life reflected a powerful truth:

**Resurrection always follows the cross.**

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## **What This Passage Teaches Us**

### **1. Knowing Christ Is Greater Than Knowing About Christ**

Paul's greatest desire was relationship, not information.

Many people know facts about Jesus without truly knowing Him.

Knowing Christ involves:

- Trusting Him
- Following Him
- Loving Him
- Walking with Him daily

## **Supporting Scripture**

*"Now this is eternal life: that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent."*  
— John 17:3

## **Biblical Example**

Mary sat at Jesus' feet because she desired relationship more than activity (Luke 10:38-42).

## **Application**

Are you pursuing a relationship with Christ or merely accumulating knowledge about Him?

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## **2. Resurrection Power Changes Lives**

Paul wanted to experience "the power of His resurrection."

The resurrection power of Christ provides:

- Victory over sin
- Strength during weakness

- Hope during hardship
- Courage during fear
- New life after failure

## **Supporting Scripture**

*"The Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you."* — Romans 8:11

## **Biblical Example**

Peter went from denying Jesus to boldly preaching the Gospel because of the transforming power of the risen Christ.

## **Application**

Where do you need God's resurrection power in your life today?

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## **3. God Often Uses Suffering to Draw Us Closer**

Paul speaks about participating in Christ's sufferings.

No one enjoys suffering.

Yet God frequently uses difficult seasons to deepen our faith.

Suffering can:

- Increase dependence on God
- Develop character
- Strengthen perseverance
- Refine our priorities

## **Supporting Scripture**

*"Consider it pure joy...whenever you face trials of many kinds."* — James 1:2-3

## **Biblical Example**

Joseph's suffering ultimately positioned him to fulfill God's purpose.

## **Application**

How might God be using a current challenge to deepen your faith?

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## **4. Death Often Precedes New Life**

Paul refers to becoming like Christ in His death.

Throughout Scripture, God often brings new life through surrender.

Examples include:

- Seeds dying before producing fruit
- Jesus dying before resurrection
- Old habits dying before spiritual growth

## **Supporting Scripture**

*"Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed." — John 12:24*

## **Biblical Example**

Abraham surrendered Isaac and experienced God's provision.

## **Application**

What area of your life needs to be surrendered to God?

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## **5. The Resurrection Gives Us Eternal Hope**

Paul looked beyond his current circumstances toward eternity.

Because Jesus rose from the dead:

- Death is defeated.
- Sin is conquered.
- Heaven is secure.
- Hope is alive.

The resurrection changes how believers face both life and death.

## **Supporting Scripture**

*"Because I live, you also will live."* — John 14:19

## **Biblical Example**

Stephen faced death with confidence because his eyes were fixed on the risen Christ (Acts 7:55-56).

## **Application**

How does the promise of resurrection affect the way you live today?

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## **What Resurrection Power Looks Like Today**

### **When God Gives Strength to Keep Going**

Resurrection power.

### **When He Restores a Broken Life**

Resurrection power.

### **When He Brings Peace Through Grief**

Resurrection power.

### **When He Helps Us Overcome Sin**

Resurrection power.

## **When He Gives Hope in Difficult Seasons**

Resurrection power.

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## **Biblical Examples of Resurrection Power**

### **Jesus**

The ultimate example of victory over death.

**Reference:** Matthew 28

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### **Lazarus**

Raised from the dead by Jesus.

**Reference:** John 11

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### **Peter**

Transformed from fearful follower to bold apostle.

**Reference:** Acts 2

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## **Paul**

Changed from persecutor of Christians to missionary of the Gospel.

**Reference:** Acts 9

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### **Discussion Questions**

1. What do you think Paul meant by "knowing Christ"?
  2. How is knowing Christ different from knowing about Him?
  3. What areas of life need resurrection power today?
  4. Why does Paul connect suffering and resurrection?
  5. How has God used difficult seasons to strengthen your faith?
  6. What gives believers hope in the face of death?
  7. How can we experience Christ's resurrection power daily?
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### **Personal Reflection**

Consider the challenges you are currently facing.

Ask yourself:

- Where do I need God's strength?
- What part of my life needs renewal?
- What fear needs to be surrendered?
- How is God inviting me to trust Him more deeply?

Remember that the God who raised Jesus from the dead is still at work today.

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## **Weekly Challenge**

### **Pray Daily**

Ask God to reveal His power in your life.

### **Read**

Spend time reading the resurrection accounts in the Gospels.

### **Surrender**

Give one area of struggle completely to God.

### **Encourage**

Share with someone how God has brought hope or restoration into your life.

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## **Closing Prayer**

**Father, thank You for the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the hope it gives us. Help us know Christ more deeply and experience the power of His resurrection in our daily lives. Strengthen us during trials, renew us when we are weary, and remind us that no situation is beyond Your ability to restore. May we live with confidence, knowing that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work within us. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

## **Key Takeaway**

**Resurrection power is more than an event from the past—it is the living power of Christ at work in believers today, bringing strength, transformation, hope, and victory through every season of life.**