IT AIN'T OVER UNTIL GOD SAYS IT'S OVER!

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Luke 7:11-15 KJV
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SUBJ: It ain't over until GOD says it's over!

INTRO: The Bible tells us that one day JESUS and his disciples where about enter into a city called Nain and they ran into a group of people and a mother going to a funeral.

Now, I want you to pay close attention to what is happening in this text because there are two groups of people approaching the same city, but they are following two completely different situations.

On one side, you have JESUS, His disciples, and a multitude of people following Him.

On the other side, you have a widow woman, her dead son, and a multitude of people following her.

ONE GROUP WAS FOLLOWING JESUS, the SOURCE of life**, WHILE THE OTHER GROUP WAS FOLLOWING A FUNERAL PROCESSION,** with no life!

(QUESTION) But how many of y'all know that when you cross paths with JESUS, he always brings a change to your life!

SOMEBODY NEEDS TO KNOW THAT ONE ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS, CAN CHANGE THE ENTIRE DIRECTION OF YOUR LIFE!)

(EXP#) Remember when Saul encountered JESUS on the road to Damascus, he changed from a persecutor of the church, to an apostle for the church!

(EXP#) Remember when the blind men encounterJesus, he changed them from not seeing, to them having 20/20 vision

(EXP#) Remember when you encountered JESUS, he changed you from a mess to a miracle!

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So this mother was about to bury her only son.

(NOTE: And because she was in the process of burying her son, it is an indication that she had accepted the natural fact that her son was dead and she was about to bury the situation, because that was the end!)

(QUESTION) But how many of y'all know, that it ain't over, until GOD says it over?

(SONG) "It ain't over, until GOD says it over!"

It ain't over until God says it's done
no, no, no, no
It ain't over until God says it's over
Keep fighting until your victory is won

GOD said, "Some of y'all have some things in your life that seem like they're dead."

Some of y'all have dead dreams.

Some of y'all have dead hopes.

Some of y'all have situations that you have already stopped believing can change.

GOD said, "It ain't over until he says it's over!"

(NOTE: SEE WHERE MAN SEES AN END, GOD CAN STILL CREATE A NEW BEGINNING!)

So this mother was about to bury her only son and without expecting it, she ran into JESUS.

(NOTE: Which brings me to another point in this lesson, and that it is, there should never be a time, moment, dilemma, circumstance or situation that

happens in your life and you're not expecting GOD to do something!)

For some of us, that's our biggest problems, we ain't expecting nothing from GOD.

(People of GOD, you need to wake up everyday, with a spirit of expectation!)

No matter what you're going through, no matter what you dealing with, no matter how bad it may appear to be, no matter how long you been in there.

I'm expecting you to do something GOD!

So this mother was about to bury her only son and without expecting it, she ran into JESUS and JESUS told her to "Weep not."

Listen, I don't know who this is for this morning, but if you're in here and you're dealing with something, OR you're going through something and it seems like it's a lot to carry;

GOD told me, to tell you, to "Weep not!"

He said, "Your miracle, your healing, your deliverance, your breakthrough, your way being made, your door being opened, your child being saved, your joy being restored, your strength being renewed, it's going to happen when you least expect!"

He said, "Weep not!"

Because "It ain't over until he says it's over!"

This is what you need to remember about "It ain't being over until GOD says it's over!"

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#1 REMEMBER THAT HE ALWAYS SHOW UP!

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You can be anywhere, in any situation, just remember he'll always show up!

Matthew 14:22-25
22 And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. 23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. 24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

(EXP#) You can be in the middle of a FINANCIAL situation.

(EXP#) You can be in the middle of a FAMILY situation.

(EXP#) You can be in the middle of a WORK situation.

(EXP#) You can be in the middle of a HEALTH situation.

(EXP#) You can be in the middle of a dead situation.

GOD sent me here today to encourage your heart and to tell you that he'll always show up!

And not only will he show up, but he'll be there right on time, because he's an on time GOD!

(SONG) "He may not show up when you want him, but he'll be there right on time!

He’s an on time GOD, yes he is!

(PROPHET) Dad used to say, “GOD is the only who could show up late and still be on time!”

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GOD will always show up!

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#2 HE’LL ALWAYS CHANGE THE SITUATION!

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When JESUS steps into a situation, His presence brings the possibility of change!

Let’s go back to our text.

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his mother.

I want you to notice the progression of what happens.

FIRST: JESUS SAW HER!

The Bible says, “And when the Lord saw her…”

There were many people around her.

There was a multitude following the funeral procession.

But JESUS saw the mother!

He saw her pain.

He saw her sorrow.

He saw what she was experiencing.

And I want somebody to know today that GOD sees you!

(NOTE: GOD sees what you’re carrying, he sees what you’re going through, he sees what you’re dealing with!

YOU MAY FEEL OVERLOOKED BY PEOPLE, BUT YOU ARE NEVER HIDDEN FROM GOD!

SECOND: THEN JESUS HAD COMPASSION ON HER!

The Bible says: “And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her…”

JESUS wasn’t indifferent to her pain.

He wasn't insensitive to her situation.

He wasn't standing there watching her suffer without caring.

HE HAD COMPASSION!

Hebrews 4:15
For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities...

Aren't you glad that you have a savior who understands your suffering!

He understands your sorrow.

He understands your pain.

And He is not a Savior who is disconnected from what we go through!

THIRD: JESUS STOPPED THE FUNERAL PROCESSION!

(CHANGE IS ABOUT HAPPEN)

Verse 14 says: "And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still."

(EXPOUND) Now, this is where the situation gets interesting!

The funeral procession was moving in one direction.

But JESUS stepped forward and touched the bier!

The people carrying him stopped!

Now, I want you to understand the significance of this moment.

Everybody else was proceeding according to what they knew naturally.

BUT JESUS INTERRUPTED THE PROCESSION SUPERNATURALLY!

FOURTH: JESUS SPOKE TO WHAT EVERYBODY ELSE HAD GIVEN UP ON!

Verse 14 says:
And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

JESUS didn't ask the young man to get up.

He commanded him to get up!

LOOK AT THE CHANGE!

Before JESUS arrived:

There was a funeral.

There was sorrow.

There was weeping.

There was death.

There was a mother preparing to bury her only son.

But AFTER JESUS intervened:

There was life!

There was speaking!

There was restoration!

There was a mother receiving her son back!

JESUS CHANGED THE ENTIRE ATMOSPHERE!

He changed that funeral procession situation, into a celebration!

CONCLUSION:

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#3 HE'LL ALWAYS MAKE THINGS BRAND NEW!

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One of the greatest things about GOD is that He is able to give you a new beginning!

He can take somebody who has fallen and help them get back up.

He can take somebody who has been broken and restore them.

He can take somebody who has been living in darkness and bring them into His marvelous light!

Let's look at our text again.

Luke 7:15
And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.

The young man didn't just move.

He sat up!

He didn't just sit up.

He began to speak!

And JESUS delivered him to his mother!

Now, think about this!

This mother left home with her son dead.

But she was about to return with her son alive!

She started out in a funeral ceremony, but JESUS gave her a testimony!

SHE WAS PREPARING TO SAY GOODBYE, BUT JESUS GAVE HER A REASON TO SAY HELLO AGAIN!

DON'T LET A PAINFUL CHAPTER CONVINCE YOU THAT GOD HAS FINISHED WRITING YOUR STORY!

IT AIN'T OVER UNTIL GOD SAYS IT'S OVER!

I want to bring everything together!

Look at what happened in Luke 7.

A widow woman was preparing to bury her only son.

She had already experienced the loss of her husband.

Now she was experiencing the loss of her child.

She was surrounded by people who were mourning with her.

She was walking in the direction of a burial.

Everything about the situation suggested that it was over!

BUT THEN JESUS SHOWED UP!

And when JESUS showed up:

The funeral procession stopped!

The dead man heard the voice of JESUS!

The young man sat up!

He began to speak!

And JESUS delivered him back to his mother!

WHAT LOOKED LIKE THE END BECAME A TESTIMONY OF THE POWER OF JESUS CHRIST!