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DEAD AND NOW ALIVE

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SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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How many of us are crazy enough to believe Ecclesiastes 7:8, "Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof"? You must know that your present is not your permanent and it has to get better. Today, we look at Eutychus in Acts 20 for our new post alert - From *Dead and Now Alive!*

OLD POST

Acts 20:9 NIV - Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead.

- Sitting in the wrong seat will cause you to sink.

NEW POST

Acts 20:10 NIV - Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "He's alive!"

- Who you are around when you fall matters.
- There are some things the enemy thought he had killed, but they are being resurrected.

Can you be in the right place around the right people and still be in the wrong position?

PLACE

Acts 20:7-8 NIV - *On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. [8] There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting.*

- God is putting you in once-in-a-lifetime opportunities, so don't miss them.
- Paul was the perfect example of the enemy thinking he had killed him. With one encounter, God turned him from Saul to Paul.
- You have to make sure you don't let conditions shut you down.

What place are you currently sitting in? Has God called you to this place? If not, why are you there?

PERSON

Acts 20:9 NIV - [9] Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead.

- One person can throw the whole atmosphere off. Don't let it be you. Be a thermostat, not a thermometer.
- The name Eutychus means "fortunate".
- He falls, but there is a PROCESS TO FALLING

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1. **SEATED** in the window. Right PLACE, but wrong SEAT. NOT WHERE YOU SHOULD BE.
 - a. You're not present and focusing on what is next, not what is now.
 - b. You are where you *want* to be instead of where you *should* be.
 2. **SINKING** into a deep sleep – I'M NOT MY BEST - I'M LOSING INTEREST.
 - a. You are not sharp or alert.
 - b. Don't blame the room, you chose the seat.
 3. **SOUND ASLEEP** – I'M HERE, BUT I'M NOT HERE (not seeing or hearing anything).
 - a. Everybody in church is not awake. Sleepy spirits carry.
 4. **DEAD** – After falling and losing control.
 - a. There is too much in you to die in an unfortunate situation.
- Who you are around matters, even if you are asleep or falling. Lean in.
 - You are about to get up. What was dead is coming back to life.

Are you in the process of falling? Are you committed to the place God has called you to or are you half in and half out? Are you half-interested or not putting forth your best effort?

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- This is Paul's last visit and death would not be the ending.
- Sometimes things that are dead are not supposed to be dead.
- Be determined to create your own ending.

Recall a time in your life when someone spoke an ending to your story. Did you accept it or change it? Why did you make that choice? How have you benefited or lost as a result of your decision?

STOP

Acts 20:10a NIV - Paul went down,

- Stop and address the dead situation instead of ignoring it.
- God is giving you the ability to take control of some things.
- It is time for you to live and no longer step over the issue.

What dead situation in your life are you ignoring?

SHOW UP

Acts 20:10b NIV - threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him.

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- There is more in your touch than you realize.
 - The right touch will wake up your spirit.
 - The more you touch something, you change the temperature.
- You have points of reference for things that God has raised up.
- When we show up we possess the land.

Who have you allowed to touch you and you were better for it? What have you touched and revived?

SPEAK UP

Acts 20:10c NIV - Don't be alarmed," he said. "He's alive!"

- The power of life and death are in your tongue.
- You need a good intercessor to get between you and God.
- Just laying in the dead situation cannot be your final destination.

Have you remained silent about some dead things? Do you fully recognize the power that is in your tongue?

GET UP

Acts 20:11-12 NIV - Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left. The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.

- You cannot allow one situation to determine your whole life. There is no situation too hard that God can't bring you out of.
- To get up, you have to place yourself around the right people.
- Sometimes we are seated on the window because God didn't give us what we wanted.
- It's time to stop blaming God and put Him back on the throne, so He can do a miracle in your life.
- There is a seat at the table for you, and God will prepare your plate.

Recall a time in your life when you were broken and had fallen down. Who helped you get up? What did that process look like?

PRAYER

*Lord, thank You for Your resurrecting power. Even when I was seated in the wrong seat, sinking, or asleep, You were always present. Thank You for placing me around the right people when I had fallen. Thank You for raising me from a dead place. God, show me where I am in the process so that I can catch myself and get in the right environment and atmosphere for victory.
In Jesus' name, Amen!*