

Devotion 29: The Fragile Grave

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Scripture: *Romans 8:11*

“If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.”

Devotion

We usually think of the grave as strong—permanent, final, unbeatable. But what if the grave is actually fragile? Think about it this way: when God the Father decided to raise Jesus from the dead on Easter morning, the tomb didn’t put up much of a fight. The stone rolled away. The grave clothes lay empty. Death had nothing—absolutely nothing—on the Son of God. There’s an old church tradition called the *Risus Paschalis*—Easter laughter. For centuries, preachers would begin Easter services by telling jokes, getting the whole congregation laughing, because Easter is the day we laugh at death. Death thought it won on Good Friday, but by Sunday morning, the joke was on the grave. And here is the stunning promise of *Romans 8:11*: the same Spirit who raised Jesus lives in you. That means the grave is just as fragile for every believer. It cannot hold you any more than it could hold your Savior. As we get close to Holy Week, take heart. The grave is not the strong enemy it pretends to be. It’s already been cracked open from the inside.

Discussion Questions

1. Does it surprise you to think of the grave as “fragile”? Why or why not?
2. What do you think it would be like to start an Easter service by laughing at death?
3. How does it change your daily life to know that the same Spirit who raised Jesus lives in you?

Closing Prayer

Risen Lord, the grave could not hold You, and it will not hold us. Thank You for the Spirit who dwells in us and guarantees our resurrection. Give us the confidence to laugh at death because You have already defeated it. In Your victorious name. Amen.

Family Action Item: Share a joke or a funny memory at the dinner table tonight. Talk about why Christians can have joy even when we think about death—because the grave is fragile and Jesus is alive.