

Devotion 6: Don't Be Afraid—Go!

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Scripture: *Matthew 28:10*

“Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.’”

Devotion

Jesus' final words in this passage tie everything together. First: “Do not be afraid.” The angel said it, and now Jesus Himself says it. When God repeats something, He means it. Our fears are real, but they are not the final word. The risen Jesus speaks peace over every anxiety, every doubt, and every shame we carry. Second: “Go and tell.” The resurrection was never meant to be an experience the women kept to themselves. It was always meant to be shared. Notice that Jesus calls the disciples “my brothers.” These are the same men who abandoned Him, denied Him, and hid behind locked doors. And Jesus calls them brothers. That's grace. He doesn't hold their failure against them. He sends a message of reunion, not rejection. This is how Easter changes everything. We don't have to be afraid because Jesus has conquered death. And we don't get to keep this good news to ourselves because Jesus sends us out. However you came to Easter this year—out of duty, out of habit, or out of deep love—Jesus wants you to leave transformed. Don't leave like the guards, frozen and unchanged. Leave like the women: filled with joy, clinging to Jesus, and running to tell the world.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think Jesus called the disciples “my brothers” after they had abandoned Him?
2. What fears do you need Jesus to speak “peace” over in your life right now?
3. As we finish this week of devotions, what is one thing you want to “go and tell” someone about what Jesus has done?

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for speaking peace over our fears and sending us out with the greatest news the world has ever heard. Help our family to leave this Easter season transformed—not frozen in fear, but alive with joy, clinging to You, and ready to tell the world that You are risen. In Your glorious name. Amen.

Family Action Item: As a family, write a short note, send a text, or make a call to someone who needs to hear the good news of Easter. Tell them what Jesus means to your family and invite them to church or Bible study.