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Thriving in Chaos: The Easter Good News

Why Death and the Resurrection are so Important

1. We can be made right with God.

"For Everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." Romans 3:23 (NLT)

"We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are." Romans 3:22 (NLT)

2. Death is conquered.

"But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for Him to return as our Savior. He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like His own, using the same power with which He will bring everything under His control." Philippians 3:20-21 (NLT)

3. We have purpose in this life.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

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Chaos: problems, confusion, turmoil, mayhem

I. Don't be **SURPRISED** by Chaos.

[Jesus] "I have told you all this so that you may have peace in Me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NLT)

The Good and Bad News about Chaos and Problems.

Bad News: you're always going to have them as long as you live on this "broken earth".

Good News: God can give you PEACE in the middle of the chaos and use problems to **HELP YOU GROW**.

II. The Problem with Problems...We often miss the **PURPOSE**.

The source of chaos is not as important as **HOW WE RESPOND TO IT**.

1. Sometimes God uses problems and chaos to **REVEAL WHAT'S INSIDE US**.

Teabag: you don't know what's inside until you put it in hot water.

Good Teachers: give tests. (to find out what we know and what we don't know; so they can teach us what we don't know.)

*We often don't search for God until we know we need God.

"God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from any one of us." Acts 17:27 (NIV)

2. Sometimes God uses chaos and problems to **CORRECT US**.

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"God corrects all His children, and if He doesn't correct you, then you don't really belong to Him...It is never fun to be corrected. In fact, at the time it is always painful. But if we learn to obey by being corrected, we will do right and live at peace." Hebrews 12:8, 11 (CEV)

3. Sometimes God uses problems and chaos to **HELP US GROW UP**.

"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation." Romans 5:3-4 (NLT)