

## Regeneration Series Session 3 – Believe for Resurrection Power

### I. Review

#### A. Regeneration defined.

1. Restore – Revive – Rebuild
2. To bring forth again

#### B. God delights in regeneration!

1. Restoring the things that need to be brought back to their original state.
2. Reviving things that are dying or dead.
3. Rebuilding things that have been damaged or destroyed.

#### C. Our cooperation is required!

1. The man with the withered hand had to stretch forth his hand.
2. Whatever is withered in your life begin to do what doesn't come easy.
3. Mix faith and action and experience the regeneration of God's power.

### II. Believe for Resurrection Power

#### A. Resurrection power is connected to the word "Revive".

1. **Revive** – To restore to life – to give new strength or new energy – to bring back to an active status – *reactivate* – to cause to flourish again.
  - a. Heb – *to restore to life or health – to be quickened.*

- b. Gr – to live again – to recover life – to regain strength or vigor.
2. **Resurrection** – Gr. a rising from the dead  
**Webster** – the act of causing something that has ended or been forgotten or lost to exist again or be used again!
3. In the power of regeneration, God causing things that have ended, things that have been forgotten or lost – things that have lost power and have nearly died or died – to EXIST AGAIN – be used again!
4. Get ready, God is about to regenerate some things in your life.  
*He is getting ready to “Raise the Dead”!*

### **B. The Illustration of Lazarus**

*While the resurrection of Lazarus is a literal physical resurrection of a dead body, there are also spiritual applications that need to be recognized.*

1. Lazarus is sick and dies prior to Jesus showing up.
2. **John 11:17-21 (NKJV)** – <sup>17</sup>*So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. <sup>19</sup>And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. <sup>21</sup>Now Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”*
  - a. Lord, if you had gotten here sooner, you could have raised him up/healed him.
  - b. Lord, it’s too late for you to do anything now.
  - c. Mary and Martha follow the common trend when dealing with impossible situations. *To speak/declare that it’s too late now.*
  - d. **John 11:38-39 (NKJV)** – <sup>38</sup>*Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”*

Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been *dead* four days."

- e. One of the spiritual applications in this passage is:  
*When you think it is too late – God still has the power to raise the dead.*
- f. **John 11:40 (NKJV)** – *Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"*
- g. In verse 25, Jesus had made the declaration,  
**John 11:25 (NKJV)** – *"I am the resurrection and the life"*  
**John 11:25 (CEV)** – *I am the one who raises the dead to life!*  
**John 11:25 (YLT)** – *I am the rising again, and the life*
- h. Whatever needs to be resurrected – whatever needs rising again – I AM the one! I am the life infusion/the rising again that you need.
- i. Jesus could have said, "Mary and Martha, stop telling me why you cannot experience a resurrection here today" I am the power and ability needed to raise again that which is already in the grave.
- j. God is telling us – "Stop telling me why you cannot experience a resurrection in your life today." I am the power and ability that you need to raise to life again those areas of your life that are dying/dead. *Some of you are going to have to dig up somethings that you buried because you had the funeral prematurely.*
- k. Stop Saying
  - It's too late.
  - I'm too old.
  - I've waited too long.
  - I've messed up too much.
  - I've made too many mistakes.
  - I don't have what it takes.
  - I'm not qualified.
  - Nobody cares for me/wants what I have to offer.
  - STOP IT!

**C. Set yourself in agreement with “Resurrection Power”.**

1. Snared by the Words of your mouth

**Proverbs 6:2 (NKJV)** – *You are snared by the words of your mouth; You are taken by the words of your mouth.*

**Numbers 14:28 (NKJV)** – *Say to them, ‘As I live,’ says the LORD, ‘just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you:*

2. **Abraham and Sarah**

**Romans 4:17-21 (NKJV)** – <sup>17</sup>*(as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed – God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;* <sup>18</sup>*who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, “So shall your descendants be.”* <sup>19</sup>*And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb.* <sup>20</sup>*He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,* <sup>21</sup>*and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.*

- a. Abraham believed in a God who was able to give life to the dead.
- b. Abraham believed in a God who calls things which do not exist into existence.
- c. **Romans 4:17 (NLT)** – *That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, “I have made you the father of many nations.” This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.*
- d. God could do nothing until Abraham believed this and confessed this.
- e. Regeneration/Resurrection/Revival of Sarah’s dead womb was possible – but Abraham and Sarah had to believe for that resurrection power/ they had to get in agreement with God!
- f. Get in agreement with God!