

Gavin and Dan – The Resurrected Kids  
Outline

Main idea: God has resurrection power, He uses it in peoples' lives to bring Him glory.

Intro (Back and Forth)

- Mark video plays to intro Gavin

(Gavin) Hey everyone as Mark said, I'm Gavin. So excited to be here with you all today and getting to preach here with Dan. I'm year in here at Christ community but Dan and I have known each other for 10 years now. He was my first boss in my first years of ministry, we have been on many trips from ministry to snowboarding together. He was even one of my groomsmen in my wedding. We have a rich history together.

(Dan) We just sang this song Graves into Gardens, and I want to bring it up again because I think it helps us get to our topic today. The lyrics show that God is redeeming shame into glory, mourning to dancing, graves into gardens, He's the only one who can! Today we talk about death and resurrection. Resurrection is a bible word meaning that someone who has died is raised to life.

- How many resurrection events are in the bible? At least 10 (Gavin)
- List categories out
  - Jesus/Lazarus
  - 3 in OT mention the word Shunem
  - Many at Jesus death
  - 2 in Acts

(Gavin) One of my favorites from this list is the one in Acts 9. It's relatable for many preachers. I especially enjoy the way the VOICE translation portrays it. Paul is preaching and its late at night and there is this guy named Eutychus, <sup>9</sup> *seeking some fresh air*, moves to an open window. Paul keeps on talking. Eutychus perches in the open window itself. *Paul keeps talking*. Eutychus drifts off to sleep. *Paul continues talking* until Eutychus, now overcome by deep sleep, drops out of the window and falls three stories to the ground, where he is found dead. <sup>10</sup> Paul joins us downstairs, bends over, and takes Eutychus in his arms.

**Paul:** It's OK. He's alive again.

Then Paul goes back upstairs, celebrates the breaking of break, and – just as you might guess – keeps on conversing.

“That gets us to 8”

- Context - 2 Resurrected Youth in Luke (Dan)
  - We'll cover these last 2 in detail, they are our key passages for today from Luke 7 & 8. Its Youth Sunday we are two of the Youth Ministers

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- I'll take the first passage ch 7 and then Gavin will walk us through the 2<sup>nd</sup> in ch 8. These are the Resurrected Youth and that's our sermon title!
  - We're in this Luke series taking a look at Jesus through the eyes of the unlikely characters in Jesus story.
  - Today's passages come during Jesus public ministry, the disciples have been called, they and a large crowd are following Jesus
  - This is a time of great miracles! Jesus has healed every disease, there was a huge catch of fish, demons are cast out, sins are forgiven!
  - Lets pray as we open God's word
- Dan works through
    - We'll pick this up at Luke 7:11 and read through verse 17.
    - Read through **Luke 7:11-17**
    - Shunem/Nain
      - Instead of a map I want to give you a word picture for this town, Nain. Nain is the like the Hastings of Israel. Hastings, NE, its not the biggest not the most exciting place but back in 1927 a little thing called Kool-Aid was invented there. So Hastings has stories, legends, a Kool-Aid museum and even an annual Kool-Aid festival.
      - You can't grow up in Hastings and not know about Kool-Aid and you couldn't grow up in Nain and not know about the thing they were famous for can you guess based on this **map**? Hundreds of years before, the town of Nain was called Shunem. Shunem gets a couple mentions in the old testament, most notably...
      - 2 Kings 4:8-36 Elisha resurrects the son of a grieving mother. This gives interesting context to this story. Its like Jesus is saying I know the sign you will recognize to demonstrate the power of God is in me.
      - Nainites would definitely know this story. They would say that a great prophet of God had resurrected a son here its recorded in God's holy scriptures. They would know that God has resurrection power, He uses it in peoples' lives to bring himself glory. But its been minute since anything like that has happened. Around 875 years between the Elisha story and this one, and Israel hadn't heard from any prophet in like 400 years.
    - In Luke's storytelling he doesn't tell us any names here and we don't know the age of this son but his mother a widow has only one son and now he has died. She has experienced the death of her husband and now also her son. He was her hope that family and prosperity might continue for her. Jesus sees her and His heart goes out to her.
      - Its not recorded that she sees or calls out to Jesus but He sees her.
      - Jesus has great compassion and mercy for this widow and He responds to comfort her, He says "don't cry".

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- But the widow's pain is great. We all expect we'll experience the death of our ancestors, our grandparents, and parents, maybe even some in our generation, brothers, sisters or spouses but it's an especially difficult pain for a parent to experience the death of their child. We don't expect this and it just hits different. I would argue that this is the mostly costly thing a parent can go through, its just not as it ought to be.
- My family experienced this pain in 2022 and we cried out to God. It has been so painful especially for my son and daughter-in-law. It's a story still in process, we need God's compassion and mercy. I love you guys!
- It was reassuring for my family that we can know that God sees us in our pain too. I'm sure many of you have been through painful losses too so we can relate, may it strengthen us to know God sees us too, in our pain, God's heart goes out to us in our loss, He cares, He's compassionate, He's merciful.
- But He's also all-powerful! When God responds He is able! Not even death can overshadow His power, and He has a perfect will and timing.
- So Jesus walks up to the son, lays His hands and speaks "I say to you get up" and the son sits up!
- Imagine seeing Jesus through the eyes of the people of Nain these unlikely pallbearers and mourners, family and friends.
  - All their life they have heard this is possible with God and surely some had doubts but now they have seen it with their own eyes.
  - Imagine the emotions their surprise turns to relief, and relief is overwhelmed by the joy of Jesus restoring the son's life.
  - But wait...only God can do this. They harken back to the story that put Nain on the map...this is no coincidence, God is proving He is here! This is a sign we recognize, of course this is God's work!
  - Who then is this man who has the power of God in Him, Maybe he's like the Elisha of our day. A great prophet has appeared among us! God has come to help us his people. He is not just the God of the past but the God of today! He's shown up in power, and God's power is like nothing else!
  - They were filled with awe! And praised God! I imagine singing and dancing and celebrating. Oh what good news this is for us and for town of Nain, oh thank you God thank you we praise you!
- The good news for them is good news for us too! God has resurrection power and uses it in our lives to bring Him glory. Death doesn't have the final word but Jesus has the final word.
- I don't have the final word either, Gavin is gonna keep us going as Jesus continues touching lives in chapter 8.

- Luke 8:40-56 (Gavin)
  - Read 8:40-44 & 49-56

I'm going to be reading from Luke 8:40-56. I love storytelling and I love imagining myself as one of the people. Since our series is called through the eyes of the unlikely. It fits.... I will be giving you how imagine myself feeling and I would invite you to imagine with me how you might have felt in this situation. But first we must set the scene.

Jesus becoming very popular throughout the area and becoming known for doing these miraculous things. So much so that pretty much everywhere he goes a crowd follows him.

As we get to chapter 8 verse 40 a man named Jairus. We know Jairus is a synagogue official. Some people say in a modern role he may be considered a pastor. He was known in the community and more than likely well respected.

#### Read 8:40-44

<sup>40</sup> Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. <sup>41</sup> Then a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house <sup>42</sup> because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying.

We start with Jesus and because of his growing popularity and news about him spreading. Now Jairus enters. This is a desperate father of young girl and Jairus knows for whatever reason she is dying, and he needs a miracle. I don't know if he pushed his way through or if they made a path for him, but he gets to the feet of Jesus and begs him to come to his house.

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. <sup>43</sup> And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. <sup>44</sup> She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

They are on their way and crowd is crushing him, some translate the Greek word in this passage to almost like that of suffocating. So, it's cramped. Imagine Jairus though. This father is desperate, and he needs Jesus to hurry. Then enters a woman and Jesus stops. She is healed and people are amazing but if I'm Jairus. No.... Jesus that's great and all but my daughter.

I'm not going to read this part, but Jesus takes time to figure out what happened and engage with this woman, but I imagine Jairus in the moment. I'm the one that needs the miracle. Why is this taking so long. Why is Jesus not moving. Does he not understand the urgency.

Then we get to verse 49.

#### Read 8:49-56

<sup>49</sup> While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," he said. "Don't bother the teacher anymore."

It's over... We were too late. Jesus why did take so long. Why did I even go. I wasn't even there. If it was me. I would be angry, frustrated, defeated, sad. Hopeless

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<sup>50</sup> Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.”

<sup>51</sup> When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child’s father and mother. <sup>52</sup> Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. “Stop wailing,” Jesus said. “She is not dead but asleep.”

<sup>53</sup> They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. <sup>54</sup> But he took her by the hand and said, “My child, get up!” <sup>55</sup> Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. <sup>56</sup> Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

Jesus showed up. I think it’s easy for us to get so focused on the urgency of needing Jesus to act in our time frame that we miss the bigger picture of what he is doing. God’s timing is not optimized for us for His glory.

I want to believe that Jairus who already demonstrated faith by asking Jesus for help has his faith stretched that day. We must remember that when it comes to experiencing God’s resurrection power in our own life and in the life of others that it’s not always in our timing but in His and it’s for His glory and His worship. We have access but it’s for God’s purpose.

Going back verse 56 said that Jesus instructed them to not saying. I think there could be a lot of reason for this and a whole different sermon to why but the simple answer is that Jesus time had not yet come but I would encourage you to spend some time looking into that more. But can we just say how could you not want to shout it from the mountain tops that Jesus did this. Right?

When it comes to God’s resurrection power, we have been talking about in a way of physically raising someone from the dead, but there is a spiritual part of it as well. I think it’s something we all can experience and it’s something many have experienced before. I think there is a reason throughout scripture that we see this phrased that apart from Christ we are all considered dead. We are dead in our sins and in Christ we are given life. (*Dan transitions back up*)

Gospel (Dan) –

- We long for Jesus to say to us “get up” and call us beyond this life, beyond death into an eternal life with God. This is the gospel that Jesus HAS said that to us in His death and resurrection and invited us get up and walk in eternal life. That physical death doesn’t have the final word but Spiritual life in Jesus overshadows everything else.
- As we studied these passages it hit me that...Experiencing the death of a child is the most costly thing a parent can go through.
  - Both of these stories hinge on a parent experiencing such a loss. In that type of a moment we need hope. If this life is all we have then where will our hope come from...BUT
  - God reveals Himself to us in this way, The Father gave his only Son He experienced Jesus’ death to show His great love for us in the most costly way a parent could. What great compassion and mercy He showed us, what great

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humility that He would take on the position of the mourning parent so that we could have great hope!

- If we will turn from our sin and place our faith in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus...
- then we can be called Sons and Daughters of God, adopted into His family, Filled with His Holy Spirit. We can experience the Father's love for us, His Sons and daughters for all of eternity.
- Paul says it this way, "When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." And this is good news amen?

### Conclusion – Ryan underscore? (Gavin)

- How does your life relate to this?
  - Have you experienced this in your life? God's resurrection power making you a child of God, bringing Spiritual Life, etc
  - Don't live apart from God's power and presence! It should make a BIG difference in your life so if you're not experiencing this may this good news reach your ears, may you draw close to God and His heart will go out to you too.
- Pain or loss you are dealing with? Is there some way where you need God's resurrection power?
- Or is God's timing/stretching your faith, what does it look like to be faithful to God in your waiting?
- Or maybe you've never experienced God's power and presence in your life and this good news of Jesus makes sense for the first time.
- Finish conclusion ask congregation to stand (Gavin)
- Pray Ephesians 1:18-21 (Dan)
- Close prayer / close service (Gavin)
- Lets hear it one more time for all our CCC-Youth!