Sunday, February 12, 2023 PERSONAL REVIVAL PART 4: RESURRECTION POWER

Today, we finish our series on personal revival. Here's a quick recap:

Ephesians 1:18-21 (NIV)

SALVATION -> HOPE + SPIRITUAL INHERITANCE + RESURRECTION POWER = PERSONAL REVIVAL

HOPE = CONFIDENT ASSURANCE. THE COMPONENT OF PERSONAL REVIVAL RELEASED BY HOPE = FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S WORD AND THE WORTH (KABOD) OF GOD.

SPIRITUAL INHERITANCE = UNION WITH CHRIST. THE COMPONENT OF PERSONAL REVIVAL RELEASED BY SPIRITUAL INHERITANCE = IMITATION OF GOD.

Now, we talk about another component of personal revival: resurrection power. You have access to power that is way beyond anything the enemy of your soul possesses. You have access to power that is stronger than anything your flesh produces. You have access to power that is more creative than anything your past life can promote. We are talking about the resurrection power of Jesus. Ephesians describes it as incomparably great.

Uperballon megethos: eminent or transcendent in magnitude.

Whatever stronghold you face, the power of the resurrection is "beyond it" in strength. Think of this: the greatest obstacle you face on this earth is sin that leads to spiritual death. This is the greatest power held by the enemy. There is no sin that can resist the power of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. There is no failure that can live beyond resurrection. There is no disease or habit or bondage that can exist beyond resurrection.

Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

When you were saved, your old life died on the cross with Christ. That means that the life of sin lost its power to control you. Dead people don't sin. When you were buried with Christ, your old failures were left in the

grave. Dead people don't continue to live in failure. When you were resurrected with Christ, you were brought out of the "death state" by one thing and one thing only – the power of Jesus Christ. Your enemy knows this but he doesn't want you to know it because it means that you, the old you, is dead. Not in theory but reality. The old failures are buried in the grave. The person that lives now lives is not a product of physical birth but of spiritual birth - raised to walk in a new life that is a product of spiritual power.

The power of the old while still remembered is dead in a grave. The new life is powered by the same Spirit that brought Christ up from the grave and the same Spirit that empowered Him to reject sin and desire and choose righteousness. When the enemy tries to bring up past failures, you tell him they are buried with a dead life. When the enemy tries to tempt you to sin, tell him that you are dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. This is the essence of revival!

So, to wrap up: salvation releases hope, spiritual inheritance and resurrection power into your life. Hope causes you to live a life of the fulfillment of the Word of God. It also causes you to live in the presence of the intrinsic worth of God which changes the way your worship, the way you view your purpose, and the way you view yourself.

Your spiritual inheritance is your union with Christ. This causes you to see the life of Christ manifest in you – changing you at the very core of your being. And, both of these are powered by the resurrection power of Jesus Christ. As long as the resurrection of Jesus is a historical and spiritual fact, the door to sin, bad habits, depression, fear, and all such things is forever closed and the door to the Kingdom of God is open to you! These elements are available to every believer every single day of their life!

Today's Scriptures:

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