

RESURRECTION DAY 2024- Living from the Victory of the Resurrection

Mark 16:1-8 Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

I. FIVE WAYS WE CAN LIVE NOW FROM RESURRECTION VICTORY

1. LIVE FROM WHAT YOU KNOW - Truth plus revelation leads to transforming experiences and encounters.

- **On the Road to Emmaus** - Don't wait till He's gone to see Him. **Luke 24:18-19** Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" And He said to them, "What things?"
- **JESUS EXPLAINED WHAT THEY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN** **Luke 24:25** Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered. And beginning at Moses and all the these things and to enter into His glory?" And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.
- **THEIR EYES WERE OPENED IN COMMUNION - PARTAKE**
(Their eyes were opened in fellowship not from information)

Luke 24:28-31 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that

He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

- **DIDN'T OUR HEARTS BURN WITHIN US?** - You're heart recognizes what your mind can't understand
2. **BELIEVE WHAT YOU KNOW** - The capacity to believe is a powerful catalyst into the realm of heavenly realities.

ILLUSTRATION - ROWDY THE CAT BACK FROM THE DEAD

- **CONSIDER SEEING AN UNBELIEVABLE SIGHT** and you don't have your camera to capture the moment. How can you speak of reality you have no way to hold it in your heart? (CHRIS - Tortoise)
- **BUT WHEN YOU BELIEVE SOMETHING**, People can see what has gripped your own heart even when they weren't there.

***John 3:10-15** Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

- **LIKE NICODEMUS, THE DISCIPLES HAD NO CAPACITY FOR A HIGHER LEVEL OF HEAVENLY REALITY.**
- **UNBELIEF COMES FROM A HARD HEART**, not unbelievable information.
- **IT MUST BE REPENTED OF BEFORE ONE CAN BE PERSUADED TOWARD FAITH.** *Humility precedes revelation.*
- **Are you cynical?** Do you doubt everything? You are not the arbiter of truth. Holy spirit is.

***Mark 16:9-14** Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had*

*cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, **they did not believe.** After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. And they went and told it to the rest, but **they did not believe them either.** Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and **He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart,** because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.*

3. **RECEIVE WHAT YOU BELIEVE** - Allow what you believe to penetrate you to your core to change you

- **Receiving is both passive and aggressive.** It is passive in the way we think of soaking up sunshine or breathing in fresh air. Go after it! **John 11:25-26** Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”
- **ASKING THE QUESTION AT THE END IS CRITICAL!**
- **MAINTAIN AWARENESS** of what has been given to us. This is a discipline. Belief becomes dogma unless we keep it fresh.
- **LIVING FROM VICTORY LOOKS LIKE GENEROSITY.** What we do to break up the fallow ground of our heart multiplies life in us. Like seed planted in a well-tended field there’s always life.
- **SURVIVAL MODE ALWAYS HAS TUNNEL VISION.** That’s how you recognize it. You know you have moved away from living in Resurrection Victory and Life if you are moving toward selfishness.

4. **ALWAYS APPREHEND LIFE** - Life is given to you, but unless you lay hold of it with both hands it will continually elude you. You must be determined to live fully alive.

- **SICKNESS, ADVERSITY, FAILURE AND DEFEAT** will loosen our grip on abundant life if we let it. We must intentionally choose life in every adversity.
- **THE VICTORY OF RESURRECTION is true and life-changing even as we go through our struggles and challenges.** Jesus stayed four

more days while Lazarus got more sick and died. He said it was for the glory of God. What we think is hopeless or impossible is different than what God thinks.

5. **CREATE RESURRECTION MOMENTUM IN YOUR LIFE TODAY-**

Momentum is what you cultivate in your life with the unrelenting forward movement of your faith, hope and love.

ILLUSTRATION - My health challenge. Feeling bad is no excuse to change what matters to you in life.

ROMANS 8:11 *But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

- **OUR MORTAL BODIES** literally means **our dying bodies**. We must lay hold of resurrection life for our bodies, our souls and our spirit.
- **WE ARE DESIGNED TO BE CARRIERS OF LIFE**. Life. Strength. Health. Don't make room for sickness, infirmity or death. It may overtake you- but you shouldn't make room for it. Having done all-stand!
- **FILL YOURSELF WITH LIFE** and health and strength through the Spirit of resurrection.

MAKE RESURRECTION REAL IN YOUR LIFE NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU BELIEVE AS A TENET OF FAITH.