

# EASTER 2021

It's Not Over 'til it's Over, Even Then, it's Not Over

4-4-21

1. Success and security are illusions. Only \_\_\_\_\_ offers hope and peace– don't be afraid.

- Easter is all about turning to the One who demonstrates that no one or nothing is hopeless.

*Luke 8:40-42, 50* - Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. <sup>41</sup> Then a man named Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, 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. . . <sup>50</sup> Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "**Don't be afraid**; just believe, and she will be healed."

*Matthew 28:5* - The angel said to the women, "**Do not be afraid**, for I know that you are looking for Jesus. . ."

*Luke 24:36* - Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "**Peace be with you.**"

*Luke 8:52-53* - 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.

- The worst kind of death: **to be dead while you're** \_\_\_\_\_
- Watch who you \_\_\_\_\_ to.

2. Jesus sees nothing as \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ hope – just believe.

*Luke 8:50*- Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed."

*Philippians 4:13*- I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

- God is a God who makes the impossible \_\_\_\_\_.

*John 20:19-20*- On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for **fear** of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, **he showed** them **his hands and side**. The disciples were **overjoyed** when they saw the Lord.

- Every problem has a God-given \_\_\_\_\_.

Here are three action steps for you to follow:

Step 1. You have to \_\_\_\_\_ yourself to Easter-thinking people (and \_\_\_\_\_ one yourself.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ your distractions.

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New series starts April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Life is shaped by your thinking. What are you thinking?

Changing one's behavior and bad habits is not an easy task. We often try by attempting to change our actions, or thinking. It would solve the never ending cycle of acting in ways we shouldn't. However, in order to change our behavior,

we must look at the underlying force--which is our thought patterns. Changing your behavior is possible by renewing the way you think. No matter where you are in your faith journey, you'll find the encouragement you need to make changes in what and how you think.

Step 2. It's not over till it's over and even then, it's \_\_\_\_\_ over.

- \_\_\_\_\_ to give up.

Step 3. I'm not afraid to \_\_\_\_\_ that I need help.

- \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.

Next Steps:

- Commit to Jesus today.
- Join me next week as we start a new series:  
"Life is shaped by your thinking. What are you thinking?"