

5-Day Devotional: Living the Resurrection Life

Day 1: From Fear to Faith

Reading: John 20:19-23

Devotional: The disciples gathered behind locked doors, paralyzed by fear even after hearing about the resurrection. How often do we live the same way—believing Jesus is alive yet living like we're afraid? Jesus didn't rebuke their fear; He spoke peace into it. The resurrection wasn't meant to be merely believed; it was meant to transform how we live. Today, identify one area where fear has locked you in. Jesus stands ready to speak peace over that situation, not just to comfort you, but to commission you. His peace comes with purpose. You cannot stay in the room of fear when resurrection power lives within you. What locked door is keeping you from living fully alive in Christ?

Day 2: Raised to Walk Differently

Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Devotional: If you've been raised with Christ, your pursuit should change. Paul's instruction is clear: set your mind on things above, not earthly things. This isn't about ignoring reality; it's about reorienting your priorities. Dead people coming alive don't return to their graves. Yet many believers accept resurrection life but continue living with a death mindset—pursuing the same empty things, chasing the same temporary pleasures. The resurrection should affect how you think, what you chase, and how you live. Examine your daily pursuits today. Are they reflecting someone who's been raised to new life, or are they the habits of your old, dead self? God didn't raise you to leave you unchanged. Live like you've been raised.

Day 3: The Great Commission Begins With Going

Reading: Matthew 28:18-20

Devotional: Jesus' final words weren't "stay and study" but "go and make disciples." The 2026 church knows about fires but doesn't put them out. We've become experts in theology without

practitioners of transformation. Making disciples isn't a program; it's a lifestyle of intentional relationships where we help others follow Jesus. This requires your time, talent, and treasure. It demands you deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow—not lead. Who are you discipling? Who is discipling you? The resurrection moved from something the early church heard about to something they lived out. They left the room, preached boldly, and changed the world. You cannot make disciples from a distance or behind locked doors. Going requires movement, risk, and sacrifice. Where is Jesus sending you today?

Day 4: Peace With Purpose

Reading: John 20:21-22

Devotional: Jesus didn't just calm the disciples; He commissioned them. "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." Peace without purpose creates complacency. God never gives you peace just for your benefit alone. He calms your storms so you can help others navigate theirs. He heals your wounds so you can bind up the broken. Too many believers want God's peace but reject His purpose. They desire comfort without commission. But resurrection life means you've been raised for a reason. You're not just saved from something; you're saved for something. The same power that raised Jesus from the grave lives in you—not to make you comfortable, but to make you commissioned. Today, ask God to reveal the purpose attached to the peace He's given you. Then step into it.

Day 5: Living Out What You've Heard

Reading: Acts 4:13-20

Devotional: The same disciples who hid behind locked doors now stood boldly before the very authorities who killed Jesus. What changed? They stopped merely hearing about the resurrection and started living it out. Peter and John declared, "We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." Easter proves Jesus is alive. This week proves whether that changes anything in you. The resurrection isn't just a historical event to commemorate annually; it's a daily reality to demonstrate continually. You have resurrection power but live like God's on a payment plan. You

have everything but live like you have nothing. Stop waiting for perfect conditions or complete understanding. The early church didn't have buildings, programs, or strategies—they had Jesus, and they couldn't stay silent. Do you live afraid, or do you live like you're alive? Your answer determines whether you're truly part of the resurrection movement or just attending resurrection moments.

Reflection Questions:

In what areas of your life do you believe Jesus is alive but still live as though you're afraid, and what would it look like to step out of that fear?

How does the statement 'the resurrection was never meant to create a moment, but a movement' challenge the way you approach your faith on a daily basis?

What does it mean to you personally that peace comes with a purpose, and how might God be commissioning you beyond just comforting you?

In what ways might you be living like you're dead rather than living like you've been raised with Christ, and what practical steps could change that?

How does the idea of 'dating the methods but marrying the mission' apply to your personal spiritual practices and your understanding of church?

What is the difference between being made into a convert versus being made into a disciple, and which best describes your current spiritual journey?

When Jesus says 'as the Father sent me, so I am sending you,' what specific mission or purpose do you sense He is calling you to in your everyday life?

How might the church be focused more on winning the lost than making disciples, and what would it look like to prioritize discipleship in your own relationships?

What would change in your life if you truly lived out the resurrection rather than just hearing about it or believing it intellectually?

The sermon challenges whether we live afraid or alive—which describes you right now, and what would it take to shift from one to the other?