

Walking Daily in Resurrection Power

Healing, Week Eight

The resurrection of Jesus isn't just a historical event (though it is that). Jesus' resurrection is actually filled with promise for our present, everyday lives. We get to live daily in the very power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead - the same power that will someday raise all who believe in him to everlasting life.

I still remember being a six-year-old kid, standing at the bottom of a little hill on which our church's cemetery was, during an Easter sunrise service, listening to our Pastor proclaim that, someday, all the graves would open up and the dead in Christ would rise.

I don't think it was as real to anyone else in that cemetery that day as it was to me. I got nervous! What if that's today??

We often lose touch with this whole story, because it's just that - a story to us. It's something Christians believe, but we see it as a historical event and fail to understand how it connects to the way we live life each day.

Paul said this...

Philippians 3:10-11 NLT

I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

TWO BIG TRUTHS ABOUT HOW JESUS' RESURRECTION RELATES TO YOUR HEALING

1. There is Purpose in Your Pain

Paul's phrase, "I want to suffer with him..." is something that brings a sense of comfort to us about all of our suffering. Sometimes we will never know why. We'll never know the bigger purpose. But we can know that when we suffer, we enter into fellowship with Jesus. He took our suffering upon himself at the cross.

2. There is Power to Change

And when Paul says he wants to “experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead...,” he’s really saying,

I want to KNOW...

By way of personal EXPERIENCE...

The dynamic, explosive POWER...

That raised Jesus from the dead...

In my life each day.

In other words, God not only gives us hope for the future and wisdom to live by, but **Jesus gives us the power to live out our purpose!**

And you can **experience** his power personally.

God's invitation is for us to live everyday with a personal experience of his resurrection power operating in our lives.

If that doesn't describe your life, it can. You simply receive him by faith - his sacrifice on the cross for your sin and his resurrection - and live under his grace and in his power.