

RESURRECTION POWER AND LIFE

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- In John 11 we read about Lazarus who passed away and the significance of this chapter is that Jesus was revealed as the One who carries resurrection life
- When a person is dead for four days, the body starts to decompose
- Jesus came and he knew that God had to be glorified in this negative situation, God was to be exalted, to become known and famous

John 11:21-27 (NKJV)

Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 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?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

- It is powerful how Jesus declared that He is the resurrection and the life
- We as a church need the resurrection life of God and the resurrection power of God
- It happens that sometimes in an area of our lives we can face struggles and do not grow
- Where there is resurrection life, things grow, things multiply and things increase
- God wants to bring resurrection in a few areas of our lives
- When Lazarus died, his life came to a halt, relationships came to a halt, his spirit went to heaven, his finances, his ministry on earth came to a halt.
- But God through Jesus Christ brought resurrection life back to him and his life

Relationships

- God wants to revive relationships.
- Relationships in the kingdom of God are such a powerful tool
- Relationships needs to be revived as lockdown wanted to bring separation
- We need to step into relationships purposefully and focussed
- We get a few types of relationships and then we get Heavenly relationships, Kingdom relationships
- We need Kingdom relationships, relationships that God ordained, where God added us together in His family, where God calls us to the mountain of the Lord
- There are relationships that are taking us there and it is these relationships that will empower us
- It is these kind of relationships that we are confronted and connected with when we are up on the mountain
- The resurrection life is being 100% connected to relationship with Jesus and relationship with the Father
- God used a family set up to express and reveal Jesus as the One who brings resurrection life

What does presence bring?

Matthew 18:20 (NKJV)

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

1. When we come together in relationships, God promises His presence
 - Presence is irreplaceable
 - The genuineness of your heart, no man can touch only God
 - In the presence God liberates us and settles many things in our lives
 - When you have presence you have patience

- God gives you comfort in a time of challenges
- When Caleb went to look at the promise land, there are certain procedures that took place. He was 40 when he went as a spy and it was 40 years later that they took the land. For 40 years he was in a place of complaint and murmuring but in that 40 years he was not influenced by it, he was influenced by the presence of God because he understood his connection to the promise, to his leader and the right people and because he was connected, the presence of God sustained him, the presence of God gave him comfort that he stood stronger than ever so that when the right time came he could take hold of the mountain of the opportunity

Matthew 18:19 (NKJV)

“Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

2. There are results that come from relationships
 - When we come together as the body of Christ the Bible says God will come and He will answer
 - When they built the tower of Babel, they were in agreement and they were unstoppable
 - It says “if two of you agree...” therefore get connected and start praying together
 - We need answers in our nation and in our workplaces, as the body of Christ we have answers but we must acknowledge the relationship that we have with the body of Christ and we need to start tapping into it boldly and confidently

Psalms 133 (NKJV)

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion, For there the LORD commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.

3. There is empowerment when it comes to the blessing of the Lord
 - It’s a force that is to be reckoned with it pushes forward and it removes things out of the way
 - We break the mountain of opposition when we stand together because the commanded blessing of the Lord will subdue that mountain
 - As believers we need to make that connection strong. We need to come together in unity and believe what the Lord is saying, there is a grace available for us
 - Step into this new day, this new hour where we will see the presence of God changing our daily living through the blessing of the Lord
 - The commanded blessing is not a normal blessing, it is a supernatural blessing
 - That blessing positions us to receive a greater measure of His glory
 - Get your heart connected, rise up and let the revival power and the life of God take hold of your relationships

Hebrews 10:24 (NKJV)

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

4. We have the most powerful tool that overcomes everything and that is the love of God
 - Love grows stronger when you are a together as a collective and as a family of God
 - When we have love for one another we persevere and we stand firmly so that the enemy stays on the outside. Our strength is tremendous because love overcomes everything
 - Even when you don’t have a break through, with love there is a passion a zeal and a desire for perseverance
 - Open your heart and apply the Word