

we are...*resurrection people*



Week 3

James 4:13-17

¹³ Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." ¹⁴ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

"We are Easter people living in a Good Friday world."

- B. Johnson

The Kingdom of God is not a paradigm of PROFIT and loss, but FORFEIT and gain.

Romans 8:11 [NLT]

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

Acts 1:8 [NLT]

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

2 Timothy 1:7 [ESV]

⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Just because our pain is UNDERSTANDABLE, doesn't mean our behavior is ACCEPTABLE.

James 1:2-4

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

**"If God put you there,
He is amply sufficient."**

- O. Chambers

James 2:12-13

¹² Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³ because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Our willingness to embrace what **IS**,
leads us to experience what **CAN BE**.

SO WHAT?

Where do you need to **RISE**
in the power of the resurrection?

Galatians 5:22 [NLT]

²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control.

There is no law against these things!

John 11:25 [YLT]

²⁵ Jesus said to her, 'I am the rising again, and the life; he who is believing in me, even if he may die, shall live.'

"Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation." - Psalm 91:14-16 [ESV]

Notes:

How to start a relationship with God:

- 1) *Admitting* that you, like everyone else, are in need of rescue.
- 2) *Asking* God to forgive your sins.
- 3) *Saying YES* to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to look to you and follow you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

For Further Reflection:

:: *Share one way you successfully, or unsuccessfully, lived in the power of the resurrection this week.*

:: *Re-read James 1:2-4.*

:: *How do you feel when you read those verses? Why?*

:: *What are some specific kinds of “trials” we can experience in life?*

:: *Identify one you are facing now or have faced in the past.*

:: *What would/did it look like to live in “resurrection power” in such a trial?*

:: *Revisit Galatians 5:22. What “fruit” is needed/lacking in your life today? Why?*

:: *Pastor Shawn said, “Our willingness to embrace what is, leads us to experience what can be.”*

:: *Discuss the meaning and implications of that reality.*

:: *What role does Holy Spirit play in that? What is our role?*

:: *What reality do you need to embrace to live into what can be?*

:: *Where do you need to rise and overcome in the power of the resurrection? Identify one thing you can do this week to take a next step toward that opportunity.*

Unless otherwise noted, today's Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].

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Friends -

Thank you for the prayers and support you have generously given in response to the flooding at our BridgePointe 485 facility. Now that the water has receded, we are working with our insurance company to assess the impact of this unprecedented event. We have also activated a local professional restoration company to remove contaminated materials from the facility.

As we continue forward, here's how you can help today:

PRAY

- For those impacted by this flooding—those in our cities and all along the Mississippi as they move towards recovery.
- For forecasted rain to be minimized.
- For safety for the professional restoration crews who started work at BridgePointe this week.

GIVE

- Text: Simply text the word FLOOD and the amount you want to donate to 309.517.0680 (i.e. "FLOOD 50" to give \$50)
- Online: Go to heritageqc.com and click the RED banner to access the DONATE NOW button and complete your gift.

RALLY

At the end of the month, we'll have more information on additional ways you can take part in our restoration journey. Until that time, you will be able to follow along in our progress by this graphic:



The Scoop: Join us on Sunday, May 19th at 6pm for The Scoop, to be held at the RI Campus. Childcare will be available for those up thru age 8. All are welcome to attend.

LCC Voting Weekend: On June 1st & 2nd all official members of Heritage are encouraged to vote! Please stop by the table in the lobby to check in and vote for Local Board members, budget, and conference delegates.



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