

we are...**resurrection people**



Week 5

**"We are Easter
people living in a
Good Friday
world."**
- B. Johnson

John 20:19-22

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

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

**The scars of Jesus were EVIDENCE
of Resurrection Power.**

John 20:27-29

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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.

Isaiah 61:1b-3a

^{1b} He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, ² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor

*and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
3a and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes, the oil of joy
instead of mourning, and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.*

**“One of the tragedies
of our life is that
we keep forgetting who
we are.”**
~ Henri Nouwen

**Resurrection People live in
FREEDOM and JOY.**

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.

**The Holy Spirit’s presence assures us that
DEATH doesn’t have the final word.**

James 1:12

12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

SO WHAT?

**What SCARS in your life are evidences
of the power of the resurrection?**

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 John 20:27-29.
 - :: How do you relate to Thomas?
 - :: Where do you struggle with doubt that Holy Spirit can work a resurrection miracle in your life?
 - :: How can you build into your life a 'practice' of reminding yourself who you are in Jesus (a Resurrection Person)? How can you encourage others in this?
 - :: Invite someone to pray with you as you navigate this faith journey.
- :: Pastor Beth invited us to consider that, "Our scars bear witness to the power of resurrection in our lives."
 - :: What wound might you be holding onto that you need to surrender to Holy Spirit to heal so that it can become a scar?
 - :: What scars in your life are evidence of the power of resurrection?
 - :: Who do you need to share those with?
- :: 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

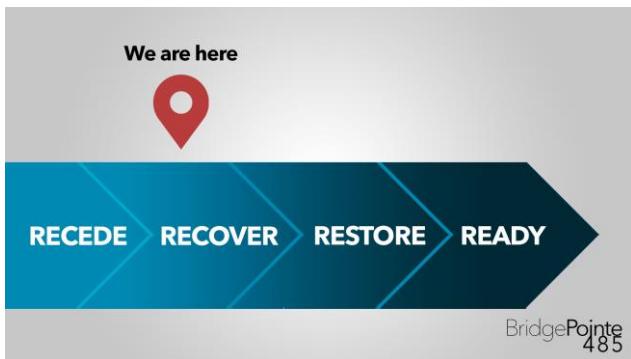
- For those impacted by this flooding—those in our cities and all along the Mississippi as they move towards recovery.
- For forecasted rain to be minimized.
- For safety for the professional restoration crews who continue to work at BridgePointe.

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

Thanks to many of you who participated in our first “Rally Day” clean up opportunity at BridgePointe. We got a lot done thanks to your efforts. Our next opportunity to Rally Together at BridgePointe for continued restoration efforts will be Saturday, June 15th 9am-12pm. Sign-ups for teams will be available starting in June!



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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