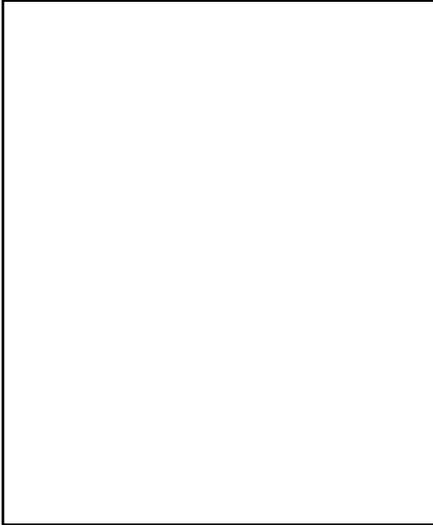


we are...*resurrection people*



Week 2



Because He IS,
we ARE!

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.

1) Same Spirit THEN; same Spirit NOW.

2) By Holy Spirit, we are EMPOWERED.

2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV)

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

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.

“We are Easter people living in a Good Friday world.”

- Barbara Johnson

**We will never prevail because WE ARE ABLE,
but because WE ARE AVAILABLE.**

James 2:14-26

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds."

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. ²⁰ You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? ²¹ Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. ²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone. ²⁵ In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? ²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

Faith alone saves, but saving faith is never **ALONE**.

SO WHAT?

Where has God positioned you to live in
the **POWER** of the resurrection?

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.**

Notes:

Joel 2:28-32

"And afterward,

*I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.*

²⁹ *Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.*

³⁰ *I will show wonders in the heavens
and on the earth,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.*

³¹ *The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and dreadful
day of the Lord.*

³² *And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved;
for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem
there will be deliverance,
as the Lord has said,
even among the survivors
whom the Lord calls.*

For Further Reflection:

:: Reflect on what God has been teaching or re-teaching you through our recent "I AM" & "We Are" conversations.

:: Read Romans 8:11 and Acts 1:8.

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

:: What do these verses mean for us as individuals? As a church?

:: Since we have access to the same Spirit that raised Jesus, what are some practical implications for how we live today?

:: Pastor Shawn shared a quote: "We are Easter people living in a Good Friday world."

:: Discuss the meaning and implications of that reality.

:: What role does Holy Spirit play in them? What is our role?

:: Revisit James 2:14-26.

:: What is your understanding or how faith and deeds intersect?

:: Identify one way you have/haven't lived out a faith that "works."

:: Identify one area of your life where Jesus has positioned you to live in the power of His resurrection. What do you need to do this week to take a next step toward that opportunity/invitation?

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

Shawn Cossin (@shawncossin) – May 4 & 5, 2019

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RIVER FLOODING UPDATE:

As many of you are aware, flooding in the Quad Cities has reached historic levels; and BridgePointe485, our Heritage Network Hub [former Kone Building], has now been surrounded by water.

Significant rain, unprecedented water from municipal drains & record river levels created a “not so” perfect storm that breached our barriers this past Tuesday. The flooding didn’t come directly from the river, but rather from the opposite direction along city streets & drains that were overwhelmed with river water. Ultimately, the municipal infrastructure just couldn’t keep up, and we couldn’t absorb it all.

Although not the outcome we wanted & worked for, we are grateful. Everyone is safe. No one was hurt, and we are expectant that God will use this for His glory.

Many of you have asked what you can do. The first is pray.

:: Pray the waters recede quickly.

:: Pray for rain to stop.

:: Pray also for the City of Davenport. It’s been even more challenging for our friends across the river.

:: Pray God will use this all for His glory.

Second, you can support our ongoing efforts by donating now to the BridgePointe485 recovery & restoration. Simply use the Heritage offering envelope or give online at heritageqc.com.

Third, we will have the opportunity to rally together to begin the restoration of BridgePointe. More information to come on that soon. Until then, let’s remember that we are more together than we are apart, and we believe that God works in all things for His glory. May we, and our cities, experience that in the coming days.

Thanks for your continued prayers & support.

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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