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**SERIES: Resurrection**

**TITLE: Program 2 - Resurrection Peace That Gives Us Hope**

**TUESDAY**

**OPEN**

Are you overwhelmed my friend? Are you overwhelmed because you're looking at the situation as it is now and there seems to be no hope? There seems to be no way out and turmoil is stirring in your breast and you think I'm not going to survive. O Beloved, listen to me carefully, you can survive. You can survive because there is a resurrection and I want you to understand what that resurrection of Jesus Christ brought to you for today to take you into tomorrow.

**PART ONE**

Today's pain, today's conflict, today's disappointment, today's discouragement can seem absolutely overwhelming can't it? And we think, I can't get beyond today. Yes you can, Beloved. You can get beyond today because Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead. Do you remember that holiday called Easter? Do you remember? And do you even know what

Easter Sunday is all about? Easter Sunday is the celebration of the first day of the Jewish week. It is the celebration of the day when Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. All hope was lost. The disciples, the apostles, Mary and others had followed this man called Jesus. This man that they were sure was the Messiah. He had told them He was going to die. He told them He was going to be buried. He told them that He was going to be raised from the dead. The Old Testament, the scriptures that they had and they read, had predicted the same thing. Had prophesied the same thing for the Messiah, but the moment was overwhelming. The moment was filled with sorrow because they had lost their leader. Their leader had been crucified. Their leader had hung there on that cross a man that was unrecognizable as a human being. **“...Marred...,”** as Isaiah 52 says, **“...more than any man....” (Isaiah 52:14b)** They had watched as He had died. They heard Him cry, **“...‘Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani...My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?’” (Matthew 27:46, KJV)** They heard it. They understood it and in a sense I’m sure that they felt forsaken because they had literally left all to follow Him even as He had commanded. Even as He walked the shores of the Galilee and He looked at the fishermen and He said, [“Leave your nets and come and follow Me”] (Paraphrase, Matthew 4:19) They had done so. Matthew the tax collector had gotten up from the place where he was collecting taxes and he had followed Jesus. Multitudes had seen the miracles. They had seen the deaf hear, the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers cleansed, the demonic possessed set free and they had hung their hopes on Him and now all of the sudden He is in a tomb. And they go to the tomb to take His sacred, precious body and take care of it and the body is gone! And what does Mary do? We saw it in our last lesson. We see Mary weeping. We see the angels sitting inside the tomb, one at the head and one at the feet where Jesus had been laid, but no body in between. We see Mary stooping down and looking into that tomb and we hear the angels saying, **“...‘Why are you weeping...?’”(John 20:13a)** Why are you weeping? And

she was weeping because all hope was lost. Now she can't even find the body of her precious Savior. Now she can't in a sense minister to that dead body and show her reverence and awe because He's gone. He's gone and she thinks hope is gone. She thinks all is lost, "... **'Woman, why are you weeping...?'**" (20:13a) So I want to stop and pause and ask you a question, "Precious One, why are you weeping?" Now I have been weeping. I have wept and I have wept on and off in my life and there are times when I thought my heart would literally break in two. I thought I can't stand the pain, I can't stand the agony. I have wept because of my past. I have wept because of relationships. I have wept out of being absolutely overwhelmed with life and how I'm going to get it all done and how I am going to survive. I've wept for many many reasons and I'm sure in all probability that you have wept too. There have been times when the bed has actually shaken because of my sobbing until I stopped and said to myself, "Why are you weeping? Is what you believe true or is it not true?" And I had to stop and say, "It's true." So I got up from the bed, I dried my eyes and I said, "I will go on." You say, "I want to know why you were weeping." Alright, c'mon c'mon sit right down here. Sit right down next to me and let me tell you why I was weeping. I was a brand new Christian. I was married. I had been divorced. I had two boys. I had been immoral. My life was an absolute mess, an absolute mess. And then I came to know Jesus Christ and I fell in love with Jesus. And I fell in love with the Bible and I fell in love with the man that introduced me to the Bible that gave me a Phillips' translation of the New Testament (*New Testament in Modern English by J.B. Phillips*). It was a translation that had been written in easy to read language and I had started reading it and I was absolutely awed at all that I was learning, all that I was discovering in the Word of God. And then this man that I had fallen in love with this single man that had never been married before. And yes, I was divorced and yes I was immoral and all of that, but but I fell in love with this man. Here he was a man, pants and all and standing there and sharing the

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scriptures. I had never seen a man like that before. I had never met a man that loved the Word of God the way Dave loved the Word of God and I wanted to marry him. I fell head over heels in love with this man and then the day came when he said, “I went and talked to two men of God to ask them if I could marry you and they told me no. And I can’t marry you.” And he walked out the front door and I ran up the stairs and I fell on the bed and I was crying and I was sobbing and I thought I’ll just throw myself out the window before he drives off and then he can feel bad. And then I thought, that’s stupid, but I continued on that bed sobbing and sobbing and sobbing. I thought my heart would break. I wondered where God was and then all of the sudden it came to me, in my mind; you’ve been telling everybody that Jesus Christ is sufficient for anything. Now is he? Or isn’t he? And I thought He is and I got my handkerchief and I blew my nose and I said, “You’re right. You are sufficient for anything and I’m not going to keep crying like this.” And I got out of bed. What enabled me to go on? It was the fact that Jesus Christ was not hanging on a cross. It was the fact that He was not in a tomb. It was the fact that He had been raised from the dead. Why was Mary weeping? Mary was weeping because she didn’t know that Jesus Christ had been raised from the dead. We’re doing a study on resurrection peace.

Resurrection peace it’s a peace that comes because of what Jesus Christ wrought through His death, burial and resurrection and offers to you so that you can handle any and every situation of life. So that you know that it is not just today, but there is a tomorrow and because Jesus Christ is the resurrection and because He is the life that you can handle today and all the tomorrows that come your way and you can live in peace no matter the turmoil, no matter the conflict, no matter the disappointment, no matter the discouragement you can make it, Beloved, if you understand what Jesus Christ wrought for you in His resurrection. Let’s go back to John, chapter 19 where I left you in the last program and remember Mary has looked into the tomb, she has stooped down, she has looked into the tomb, she sees the two

angel they say, “**...Why are you weeping...?**” And then it says,  
“**...‘Because they have taken away my Lord, and I [don’t] know where they have laid Him.’(John 20:13)** [“Why am I weeping? I am weeping because they took away my Lord and I don’t know where they laid Him”]. Now I want you to see it’s all man. It’s all man. “**...They have taken away my Lord...I [don’t] know where they have laid Him.’(20:13b)** He’s dead and I can’t find His body is what she’s saying. And then it says this and I love this, “[And] **when she had said this, she turned around and [she] saw Jesus standing there, and [she didn’t] know it was Jesus.’(20:14)** Her eyes are swimming with tears, she’s weeping, she’s distraught and she sees this man and she doesn’t know that it is Jesus “[And] **Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping...?’”(20:15a)** It’s interesting isn’t it? The angels say, “**... ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’...**” (20:13a) Jesus says, “**...Woman, why are you weeping...?**” And then He asks this question, “**...Whom are you seeking...?’”(20:15a)** Well, who was she seeking? She was seeking the body of her dead Lord! She wasn’t seeking the resurrected living Christ. And you see when you and I do not know and understand what Jesus wrought for you and me in His resurrection and what this resurrection life is about and what this resurrection peace is about than we are seeking what? The body of Christ and not the life of Christ. This is why, in a sense, I would never wear a crucifix because Jesus is not hanging on the cross anymore. What does that mean to you and me? We’ll talk about it, right after this important announcement.

## **PART TWO**

It’s incredible, really. Remember we left with Jesus asking Mary, [“Whom are you seeking? Why are you weeping?”] (PARAPHRASE, John 20:15a) And she is looking right at Him and she supposes Him to be the gardener. In the midst of her sorrow in the midst of her grief in the midst of her tears she doesn’t recognize Jesus. She thinks He is just a gardener just another

ordinary human being. And that is what happens to us so often, Beloved, in the midst of our grief. In the midst of our sorrows we forget that Jesus is not an ordinary man. He's the man that died. He's the man that was buried. He's the man that was raised from the dead. He's the man that is the resurrection and the life. He is the man who says, **"...Peace be unto you."** (John 20:26b, KJV) Watch what happens, I love it! She says, **"...‘Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.’** [And] **Jesus said to her, ‘Mary! [Mary] ...,’**" She recognizes His voice. **"...She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, ‘Rabboni!’..."** (John 20:15b-16) Rabboni! And I can just see her she is just all of a sudden engulfing Him in her arms and He says, **"...‘[Mary] stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to [my] Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I ascend to My Father and your Father, [to] My God and your God.’"**(John 20:17) Why? Because what Jesus accomplished when He hung on that cross and when He was buried and when He was raised from the dead because He had completely and absolutely atoned for our sin. Because He had conquered death, because He had defeated the enemy, because He had crushed his head of power. He could say to her, ["Tell them I've gone to my Father and your Father."] (PARAPHRASE, John 20:17) because of what I've accomplished I have wrought you, I have reconciled you to God Almighty your sins are taken care of and you belong to God Your Father and you will be His forever and ever and ever. This is what I accomplished. And He is saying, ["Go tell the men,"] (PARAPHRASE, John 20:17) Remember, if you heard the last program, remember that Peter and in all probability it is John because he is not identifying himself, but he is saying, **"...the other disciple [that] ran...faster than Peter...."** (John 20:4a) Because Peter and John have looked into that tomb because Peter and John have seen that the tomb is empty, but Peter and John didn't have the advantage of being talked to at that moment by Jesus. So He says, ["Go tell them. Go tell them."] (PARAPHRASE, John 20:17) Now what is she to tell them? Well, listen

very carefully because it has to do with you. It has to do with you and why God has laid this little mini-series on my heart of resurrection peace that can get you through every situation of life. Well, this is what he says, **“...‘Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I ascend to [the Father] My Father and your Father, [to] My God and your God.’” [And] Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord,’ and that He had said these things to her.” (John 20:17-18)** I’ve seen the Lord! Listen, let me tell you! Let me tell you what He said to me! Listen this is what He said! And then it says, **“So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and...the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews....”(John 20:19a)** They are afraid of the Jews and listen, this is what happens when we don’t know that Jesus has been resurrected from the dead. This is what happens when we don’t understand this absolutely critical doctrine and that’s what I’m giving you. I’m giving you the absolute critical doctrine of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and what it means to you practically. And that’s what we are going to be studying for these next days so that you can walk in this resurrection peace, but when you don’t understand it then you hide then you are living a life of fear because you’re fearful of what is going on around you. You’re fearful, you’re sorrowful and you can’t handle it because you don’t understand what is yours in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I’m so excited about teaching you this series. Now watch what the scriptures go on to say, **“...and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them...,”** And I don’t want you to miss this, **“...‘Peace be with you.’” (John 20:19b)** **“...Peace be with you.”** This is the resurrection peace that I’m talking about. **“And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. [and] The disciples then rejoiced when they saw [it was] the Lord.” (John 20:20)** [“It’s me, it’s me look at my hands. Look at the nail prints. It’s me look at my side.”]

Remember in our last program we saw that when they went to break the bones of the men that were hanging there on the crosses because it was the day of preparation for this high and holy Sabbath and they got to Jesus, they didn't break His legs, because He was already dead. But instead they took a spear and they put it in His side and blood and water gushed forth. He says, ["See my side? See my side?"] (PARAPHRASE, John 20:20) Well, they had seen it pierced. They knew it was the Lord. "[And] **Jesus said to them again...**" Now listen to me, "...**'Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.'**" (John 20:21) I am the resurrected living Christ; I am going to live forever. "...[And] **as the Father...sent Me, [I'm] send[ing] you.**" (20:21) Your life has a purpose and if you will understand what this resurrection power is all about. This resurrection power that brought Him as Ephesians says, ["Out of the grave and seated Him in heavenly places above all principalities and power."] (PARAPHRASE, Ephesians 1:20-21a) You will know that you can go and you will know that in the going, no matter what happens, you can have peace. And it goes on to say, "**But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples were saying to him, '[we've] seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see [the] hands [and] the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.'**"(John 20:24-25) You tell me you've seen the nail prints. You tell me you've seen the side of Him where the spear went in, but unless I put my fingers in there, I'm not going to believe. And it says, "[And] **after eight days...**" Now listen that man lost eight days of joy, eight days of peace because he doubted the resurrection of Jesus Christ. And this is what it says, "**After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas [was] with them. [And] Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and [He] stood in their midst and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then He said to Thomas...**" (John 20:26-27a) ["Reach out your hands put your fingers in the nail prints put your fingers on my side, but He



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didn't have to." ] (PARAPHRASE, John 20:27) He didn't have to because he saw the resurrected Christ. **"...Peace be unto you." (John 20:26, KJV)**

And it says, **"Thomas answered [Him and said], 'My Lord and My God!'" (John 20: 28)** He lived. He lived. And Thomas saw. Thomas knew He had been resurrected and Thomas could handle whatever came and you can to its resurrection peace and power.