

RESURRECTION POWER

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Ephesians 1: 15-19 (J.B.Phillips Translation) (Paul Thanks God and Prays for the Ephesian Church)

15-19 Since, then, I heard of this faith of yours in the Lord Jesus and the practical way in which you are expressing it towards fellow-Christians, I thank God continually for you and I never give up praying for you; and this is my prayer. That God, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ and the all-glorious Father, will give you spiritual wisdom and the insight to know more of him: that you may receive that inner illumination of the spirit which will make you realise how great is the hope to which he is calling you—the magnificence and splendour of the inheritance promised to Christians—and how tremendous is the power available to us who believe in God.

20-21 That power is the same divine power which was demonstrated in Christ when he raised him from the dead and gave him the place of supreme honour in Heaven—a place that is infinitely superior to any conceivable command, authority, power or control, and which carries with it a name far beyond any name that could ever be used in this world or the world to come.

22-23 God has placed everything under the power of Christ and has set him up as head of everything for the Church. for the Church is his body, and in that body lives fully the one who fills the whole wide universe.

THE SAME DIVINE POWER WHICH WAS DEMONSTRATED IN CHRIST WHEN HE RAISED HIM FROM

THE DEAD IS THE TREMENDOUS POWER AVAILABLE TO US WHO BELIEVE IN GOD!!!

I want to talk to us about this Resurrection power

ACTS 2:24 - 24 [a]But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the [b]agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held [c]in its power.

John 10:18

New American Standard Bible (NASB)

18 No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.”

Romans 8:11

New American Standard Bible (NASB)

11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies [a]through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Barnabas took a hold of Saul and brought him to the Apostles.

The Lord wants to raise Barnabas's among us!!!

The Resurrection power working through Barnabas takes hold of someone whom nobody wanted to associate with.

God has hidden treasures in people whom nobody wants.

It is our job to find the treasures in the midst of darkness.

Isaiah 45:3 "I will give you the treasures of darkness, And hidden wealth of secret places."

When we talk about the Prophetic the mascot is the Eagle.

But in this decade the mascot is the owl.

The owl can see in the night. The owl can see through the darkness and know who is who.

The Lord is calling us into the deepest darkest places on the planet.

We need to be like Daniels and Josephs who uncompromising stood for the truth.

We don't become confirmed to the World but we transform the world.

It is important for us to realize we are never called to reflect. We are called to shine.

Isaiah 60:1

God has called us to be a voice. May God release on us the eyes of the owl. The eyes that can look through the darkness. The eyes that can look at a Rahab and say that's gonna be the great, great great grandmother of Jesus. Seeing in Rahab a woman of destiny. Someone who loves God but is stuck in sin.

There is something about seeing the glory of which people have fallen short of and say, "look I've found treasure"

Where did you find the treasure? In your heart.

Prophetic people who will look at dry bones and see an army.

Calling things that are not as though they are and through prophetic declaration our words become worlds.

This is Resurrection power at work in and through us.

Barnabas never wrote a book in the Bible.

But he discipled a Saul, a murderer. Sees greatness in Saul.

(Gal 2:1,9)

Barnabas found treasure in dark places.

Saul to Paul by the BOHS

Acts 9:1ff

v 22, 27,

Record of Barnabas and Saul:

Acts 11:22c; v 25, 30.

Acts 13:9 Saul is known as Paul.

Acts 13:2c,7, 9, 42, 46,

When Saul becomes Paul roles switch. Scriptures start recording them as Paul and

Barnabas see Acts 13:42,46 etc.

Barnabas did what each of us is called to do. i.e. Disciple someone till they outgrow you!!!

Later in Acts 15: 36 - 40 a contention of Paul and Barnabas over Mark...

we know that Gospel of Mark was written sometime when Barnabas was with Mark.

Here's a guy who never wrote a single book in the Bible. But is responsible for one guy who wrote 14 books and another guy who wrote one of the Gospels.

Can is release a Word over you?

WE carry an assignment from God to operate in the Resurrection power to make insignificant people significant!!!

We are born to make people famous. We may be surprised to see whom God calls us to empower!!!

Helping people who don't know God!!! Like Daniel helping Nebuchadnezer and Joseph helping Pharoah by the power of the Spirit.

Say: RESURRECTION POWER!!!

With the Resurrection Power working in and through us we hold people accountable.

In an empowering culture, Accountability not only in catching people when they do something wrong, but keeping people accountable to the destiny God has called us to!!!

Practically Accountability should look like this: What is your destiny? What are you doing about it?

Someone once said: "I like to listen to other peoples prophecies. When asked why, the person says: "So I treat them as God sees they are and invite them into their destiny"

What an awesome thing to do! By the Resurrection Power working in us, we will be able to treat people not as they are, but as God sees them!!!

Proverbs 17:6 "Grandchildren are a crown of old men, And the glory of sons is their fathers."

In other words sons so love their fathers, because of the way their fathers have empowered them.

Think about this: What happens to a son, when the father believes in him?!!!

See we got saved when we believed in Jesus. We got changed when we realized that he believed in us.

This Resurrected Jesus doesn't just tolerate us, He celebrates us!!!

I find many people are not comfortable in their own skin. This ought not to be!!!

We can't hate what God has formed in his image.

JOHN MAXWELL: "You are not what you think you are. You are not what others think you are. You become what you think the most important person in your life thinks you are." [REPEAT]

When the Resurrected Jesus is the most important person in our lives we are transformed into the image of God. We become what He thinks we ought to become.

His Resurrection Power will cause it to become a reality.

Resurrection Power enables us to have the mind of Christ. Bill Johnson says: "I can't afford to have a thought in my mind that God does not have in His mind."

That's having the mind of Christ isn't it????

We ought to think of people the way God thinks of them. We ought to begin to invite people into their God designed destiny.

Resurrected Jesus wants to believe in people through us!!!

People have problems. We are not talking about optimism OR unsanctified mercy OR denial. I'm talking about taking the time to see and say, "Lord how do you see this person?"

Proverbs 22:6 "Train up the child in the way he should go (not in the way you think he should) and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Story of the School Teachers and Administration from John Maxells book: ...

(They had extraordinary results because they expected to)

What happens when you by Resurrection Power working in you; believe in people?

They rise to a new expectation. They begin to believe in themselves with God actively involved in that process.

Believe what Resurrection Power can do in you, through you and with you!!!

There is something about believing in people before they deserve it!!!

Jesus believed in people before they deserved it!!!

I was thinking of Resurrected Jesus, how he went to Peter who denied him.
(John 21: 15ff)

Jesus believed in Peter!!! Gave him a second chance. He became the head of the Church.

Jesus believed in each of His disciples.

Story of David: I Sam 16: 6ff

Something happens when you come to the end of yourself.

Paul says in Gal 2:20

Church it is time for us to demonstrate the Resurrection Power!!!

It's time for us to kill some giants.

I want testimonies of His Resurrection Power working in and through me.

We ought to be examples for others to follow. II Thess 3:7ff

I Cor. 15:16 - 20.

I Cor. 15:3,4 [Important] [Gospel]

"May the RESURRECTION POWER OF JESUS CHRIST GIVE US BOLDNESS, COURAGE AND EYES TO FIND PETERS AND PAULS."

"I RECEIVE THAT FOR MYSELF, FOR MY CHILDREN, FOR MY GRAND CHILDREN. In JESUS NAME."



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