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Part 3: “Resurrection Help”

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Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man

“One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem.

And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. 18 Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. 19 When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

20 When Jesus saw their faith, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.”

“21 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, “Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

22 Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? 23 Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’?”

“24 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the paralyzed man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” 25 Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. 26 Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, “We have seen remarkable things today.”
— Luke 5:17-26 (NIV)

“19 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place 20 by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”
— Hebrews 10:19-22 (NASB)

How Does the Resurrection Help Me?

1. _____ and _____ to God

“Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. 19 When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. — Luke 5:18-19 (NIV)

“Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place 20 by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,” — Hebrews 10:19-20 (NASB)

“50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. 51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,” — Matthew 27:50-51 (NKJV)

“You shall make a veil woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen. It shall be woven with an artistic design of cherubim (sherE-bum). 32 You shall hang it upon the four pillars of acacia wood overlaid with gold. Their hooks shall be gold, upon four sockets of silver. “33 And you shall hang the veil from the clasps. Then you shall bring the ark of the Testimony in there, behind the veil. The veil shall be a divider for you between the holy place and the Most Holy.”
— Exodus 26:31-33 (NKJV)

2. _____ and _____ Redemption

“30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.” — John 19:30 (NKJV)

“And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick” — Luke 5:17 (NIV)
“When Jesus saw their faith, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.” — Luke 5:20 (NIV)

Growth Group 'Go Deeper' Questions

"14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

— Hebrews 4:14-16 (NKJV)

3. _____ and _____ the glory of God.

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." — John 1:12 (NKJV)

"For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.'" 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,"

— Romans 8:15-16 (NKJV)

"The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, 'Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?'" 22 Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? 23 Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?" — Luke 5:21-23 (NIV)

"18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." — 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)

1. What did you enjoy most about the online service?
2. Our scripture text was Luke 5:17-26 and Hebrews 10:19-22. What similarities did you see in the two stories as they relate to the resurrection of Jesus?
3. During the events of Jesus' crucifixion, a significant event occurred—the tearing of the Temple veil. In your own words, what did that event signify for the Christian faith? How is our faith different after this significant event? What did Jesus do for us through this event?
4. Read Hebrews 4:14-16, what do you learn from this passage? Pastor Brant made this statement: *"The devil will try to condemn you where the blood of Jesus has forgiven you."* How does the resurrection of Jesus change the any condemnation in our lives?
5. In your own words, describe a circumstance in your life when you had no control of its outcome, but you choose to put all of your faith in God and on His promises. What was that season in your life like? What was the result? What did you learn through that circumstance that has stuck with you?

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