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The Resurrection Of The Promise

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Jesus paid the ultimate price on the cross for our salvation. He suffered, bled and died for our sins, was judged for us, so that we wouldn't have to be judged, went to hell and was resurrected from the grave. Resurrection means "the raising up or bringing back from the dead and making it alive again." As believers, we believe in the resurrection of Jesus, we know that the grave couldn't hold him, nor could Satan and all his demons. He was victorious over the enemy and everything that is involved with sin, His victory was totally complete.

Because of Jesus' resurrection, he was able to restore to us the things that God had meant to be blessings, He gave us His name to use, and He is seated at the right hand of the Father. Things may not always be going good for us, but God's plan for us is resurrection life. God's love for us doesn't change; He loves and sees us through Jesus.

God's plan for us to comeback from a setback is greater than we know. When we have set backs, God already has plans for us to rise again, whole and full and to experience resurrection power in our lives.

Mark 5:22-24;35-36 "And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, 23 And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. 24 And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him. 35 While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? 36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe." KJV

Mark 5:36 "*Overhearing* but ignoring what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, Do not be seized with alarm and struck with fear; only keep on believing." AMP

While Jesus was on the way to Jairus' home to minister to his daughter, the woman with the issue of blood came along, after Jesus healed her, he continued, but they were told that the child was dead. The resurrection of Jairus' daughter was about

to take place.

How do we keep believing on bringing something back to life? Experiencing God's goodness and the resurrection power to us. We must be convinced that we have heard from God.

In the account told in John of the death of Lazarus, Jesus reminded Martha and Mary that he would be raised from the dead. Jesus was trying to get Martha and Mary to see that He was the end result, that He was the resurrection. Jesus sees things from a different result, He sees the end result, and we see things by what is going on around us. They knew this to be true in the future, but not realizing that it was to happen now, Jesus called Lazarus from the grave and resurrection power manifested in their lives. Jesus had given the word to them that Lazarus was not going to die. They had received a word from God.

John 11:1-4;11-14;21-27 "Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) 3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. 4 When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. 11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. 12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. 13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. 14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. 17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already. 21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. 22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. 23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. 24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. 25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? 27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world." KJV

Jesus spoke what was going to happen. The power of words is much more powerful than what we think. Martha and Mary spoke of the natural things, that he had been in the grave 4 days, it was too late. Jesus kept trying to get them to realize that He was the answer, the resurrection and the life; they weren't able to grasp what the truth that he was speaking to them.

Many times, we see things all around us that are so bad, our attitude is that it's too late, that nothing good can come out of it, but we fail to realize that God is able to change things around, change the bad to good. The challenge to us is to realize and accept the resurrection power that comes from Jesus. There may be dark days and

nights in order to experience the resurrection power.

Jonah 1:1-2 "Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me." KJV

God had told Jonah to go to Nineveh and preach, saying that God was going to destroy them, but Jonah said that if he preached, that the city would repent and he would look bad for preaching destruction to them. So, because of disobedience and the pride problem that Jonah had, he chose to board a ship going the opposite direction and he told all the crew what he was doing. Later a bad storm came up and they were having to unload their cargo in order to keep from sinking, while Jonah slept, they remembered what he had said, woke him, decided to throw him overboard declaring the storm was his fault and at once the storm ceased. As Jonah is about to drown, he was swallowed up by a large fish that God had prepared ahead of time, knowing what was to happen in Jonah's life.

Jonah 2:7-10 "When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. 8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. 9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord. 10 And the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land" KJV

Now while Jonah was in the belly of the large fish, he begins to realize where and what was happening to him. He repented, asking God for another chance, after being in the fishes belly for three days and nights, he experienced the resurrection power of God. God had already prepared for the resurrection of Jonah.

Jesus spent three days and nights in hell at the time of his death, but God said it is enough and Jesus rose victorious, becoming the first born. That was His resurrection.

God's Word always brings the presence of the Lord. If we are running from something God has called us to do, or from His presence, we will begin to drawback, not wanting to be where His presence is or other believers are gathered.

The season of God's grace is like a holding place for us, we don't know how long it might be for each of us. The time for Jonah was three days and nights. God is not done with us yet, He is giving us another chance. He is already preparing for our comeback and our resurrection life.

The book of Job is incredible; Job depended on his ability to do right, his ways versus Gods way. It tells of the devil coming to destroy him, he loses everything that he had materially, including all his children. He said it would have been better

if he had not been born, his wife told him to curse God and die, his friends told him that he must have sinned against God, but he began to speak of things that he had done and how he had not sinned. The thing that Job feared most came against him, that his children might be sinning, he offered special sacrifices for them. Because of the anguish of his soul and what he was going through at the time. He spoke many words without knowledge. He never gave God praise or even acknowledged that God had been good to him. God had already planned the comeback of Job, his resurrection. But before he could receive it, he would have to get control of his mouth and what he was saying.

God in turn spoke to him, asking him a series of questions that Job was unable to answer.

Job 38:2 "Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?" KJV

Job begins to answer back, realizing his mistakes about not understanding God's ways. He began to have revelation knowledge, he said "I have heard about you, but now I see". Job began to pray for his friends and God restored to him double what he had had before.

Job 42:2-5 "I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. 3 Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. 4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. 5 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee." KJV

As believers we tend to sometimes hear God, but don't really know Him, then suddenly one day we hear and begin to understand His plans for us. He has our comeback already planned, but we have to do something, repentance and a turning around of our lives is required. God's plan is our resurrection. Jesus paid the full price for us.

God's ways are higher than our ways, He is so full of grace and mercy, He is longsuffering, He is not willing that any should perish. That is why He is tarrying.