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Resurrection Of The Promise
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Resurrection means to bring back to life or to raise again from the dead or restore from decay, to revive and arise again.

When we think of Easter or the Passover or the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and how He was made alive again, we know that He is risen. Many believers will make a pilgrimage every year to the empty tomb in Israel. He rose victorious over Satan and all his cohorts so we can be victorious.

Many times we will hear something from the Lord or a message that inspires faith in us but as time passes and we don't see anything happening, time will begin to erode over the promise causing us to lose hope and what has been promised begins to die, but God is wanting to bring what He has promised us back to life. Is it possible for that dream or hope that was on the inside of us, that adversity and circumstances have chiseled away, that we let die causing us to lose hope, is it possible for the resurrection power to work in us bringing that dream or hope alive again? It is not pleasant but we all will experience disappointments in life, even though at times, we may take one step forward and two steps back, but God has already planned and designed for that dream or hope to be made alive, His plan being far greater than ours, He is still there breathing life by the Holy Spirit on the inside of us keeping that dream alive.

Sometimes when we know that we have received a word from God and nothing comes to pass, we begin to question whether it was really from God, but if we know that we have heard, either through a rhema word or from someone speaking the word to us, we can be sure that sometime that dream will come to pass, maybe it will take a long period of time, but it will happen as we begin to learn more of the plan of God and discern on the inside what His plan for us is, we must let the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit bring life into us.

John chapter 11 tells the complete story of Lazarus, Mary and Martha and how He loved them. It was told to Him that Lazarus was sick, Mary and Martha sent for Him to come in order that their brother would not die, but He did not go immediately to them, but waited a period of four days, by the time that He went, Lazarus had died and was buried.

John 11:11-14,17 "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." KJV

Jesus spoke to His disciples telling them that Lazarus would be alright that he would live and not die. It looked like the promise that Jesus had spoken to the disciples was to late. This is what it is like for us as believers, we have a promise, but what we are believing for has not come to pass. How do we respond to situations in our life that look like they have died? Are we going to question that maybe it is to late and isn't going to happen or are we going to keep the switch of faith turned on? If you have heard from God, a rhema word, a rhema word being something the spirit of the Lord makes alive to us which

is revelation knowledge it is not just the printed word. If we have received that rhema word from God, this is a challenge for us to keep on believing to receive a miracle. Faith is always now, we must keep Jesus or faith in the now, it is not for the future.

John 11:20-45 "Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house. 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. 28 And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee. 29 As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him. 30 Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him. 31 The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there. 32 Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. 33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled. 34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. 35 Jesus wept. 36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him! 37 And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died? 38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. 39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. 40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? 41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. 42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. 43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. 44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go. 45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him." KJV

Martha had a revelation of Jesus even though she was always busy with other things and did not set at Jesus' feet as her sister Mary had done. She knew that her brother would live again, she was looking to the future but faith is now, she couldn't understand what was happening, she knew that Lazarus was dead, had been in the tomb four days and would be stinking, but Jesus is speaking to her about Him being the now, that she doesn't need to wait for the future. Now Martha chooses to believe, she believes that Jesus is the Christ and she believes Gods promise that Lazarus will live.

When Mary came to Jesus with the other mourners who were weeping, Jesus felt compassion and wept. Jesus is moved with our infirmities, He is a God that cares, that is why He resurrected from the grave in order for us to experience resurrection power, that is why He was cut off from the Father. Jesus went to the cross at 9am and at 12pm it became dark until 3pm, during this time he cried out to the Father, asking why the Father had disowned Him, the Father held back for a season because Jesus was made sin and became sin for us and God in His holiness cannot look on sin, Jesus was judged for our sin in order that if we are born again we wouldn't have to be judged for sin but when He said it is finished, He went to the bowels of hell three days and nights, paid the price and then the Father said it is enough and the power of God went into hell and resurrected Jesus from the clutches of all demonic power and He rose victorious over Satan and his cohorts. The Father was no longer disowning Him, but was restoring Him back into proper relationship. That is why Jesus came to us in order that we have a right relationship with the Father. Because of that right relationship, Jesus is now seated at the right hand of the Father in the courts of heaven, interceding on our behalf and He is our advocate and when the enemy comes, Jesus stands and says "My blood has cleansed" and there is no guilt or shame and we have eternal life, this is what Jesus is doing today for us.

John 11:23-27 "Jesus said, "Your brother will be raised up." 24 Martha replied, "I know that he will be raised up in the resurrection at the end of time." 25-26 "You don't have to wait for the End. I am, right now, Resurrection and Life. The one who believes in me, even though he or she dies, will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all. Do you believe this?" 27 "Yes, Master. All along I have believed that you are the Messiah, the Son of God who comes into the world." MESSAGE

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Those people around questioned why Jesus had allowed this to happen, saying that He had healed many people and performed many miracles, but Jesus told them to take away the stone and see the glory of God. Jesus spoke these words to Martha and Mary when it seemed as though nothing was working, it was too late, even though He had compassion, He told Martha that she would have to keep believing. Because Mary and Martha kept the switch of faith turned on, they were able to see Lazarus come forth from the grave. Lazarus came forth still bound hand and feet, indicating that he was still somewhat handicap but Jesus told the people to lose him, setting him free in order that he could move around.

John 11:40 "Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?" KJV

John 11:41 "Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me." KJV

Jesus talked in advance to the Father regarding the raising up of Lazarus as well as the time that He would be raised from the dead. Thanking God that He had heard Him, preparing Him for lay ahead at calvary.

Jesus is always going to affirm, inspire or encourage us along our way regarding to the resurrection of the promise that we have received from God regardless of the time involved, just keep believing to receive His glory. Jesus' purpose and plan is for us that there be a resurrection of the promise that we are believing God for, that we experience resurrection power in our physical bodies. Jesus wants resurrection power in our lives, He wants us totally and completely made free, loosed from anything that has held us down. How do we receive miracles in our lives? How do they come to pass for us? There can be many things which are holding us back, how do we respond? How do we keep God involved? God doesn't just want us to celebrate Easter, but He wants us to experience the resurrection life in relationship to Easter. God has already appointed resurrection in our lives, His plan for our comeback or wholeness is far greater than ours. In our journey to receive the miracle that God has for us, just keep on believing and you will see the manifestation, the glory of God, bringing back in our life that which seems to be lost or dead, because God is for us.