

Living Hope

WHEN GOD IS SILENT

- Maundy Thursday - *HOW am I going to get through this?*
- Good Friday - *Why aren't my prayers being answered?*
- Holy Saturday - *Where is God when heaven is silent?*

It's hard to see what _____ of our disappointments and sorrows when we are standing in the middle of them.

_____ is the day when all our unanswered prayers come together in the greatest miracle of all time: the resurrection of Jesus.

John 20:1-18 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb," she said, "and we do not know where they have put Him!"

3Then Peter and the other disciple set out for the tomb. 4The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5He bent down and looked in at the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6Simon Peter arrived just after him. He entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there.

7The cloth that had been around Jesus' head was rolled up, lying separate from the linen cloths. 8Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in. And he saw and believed. 9For they still did not understand from the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.

10Then the disciples returned to their homes. 11But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent down to look into the tomb, 12and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and the other at the feet.

13"Woman, why are you weeping?" they asked.

"Because they have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I do not know where they have put Him."

14When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there. But she did not recognize that it was Jesus.

15"Woman, why are you weeping?" Jesus asked. "Whom are you seeking?"

Thinking He was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried Him off, tell me where you have put Him, and I will get Him."

16Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

17"Do not cling to Me," Jesus said, "for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go and tell My brothers, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'"

18Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them what He had said to her.

Our _____ of Jesus, our assumptions of how life should go, cause us to miss the bigger thing, the greater thing that Yahweh is doing.

The resurrection _____ everything.

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

The _____ of new birth.

New birth results in a living _____.

You don't get a living hope with out a _____ Jesus.

Through the resurrection of Jesus we have a living hope that is eternally present to change and _____ you and your outlook on life.

*1 Peter 1: 4 and into an **inheritance** that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, reserved in heaven for you, Swho through faith are shielded by God's power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.*

As a follower of Jesus, you have a hope and an _____.

*1 Peter: 1:6 In this you greatly **rejoice**, though **now** for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in various trials*

We can have a posture of _____ even in the suffering.

His resurrection gives Him the _____ to take our stuff/ thing/pain/disappointments and refine good out of it.

1 Peter 1:7 so that the proven character of your faith—more precious than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

When you choose joy through trust and faith and this living hope dwells within you, your trials turn into _____, glory, and honor to God.

1 Peter 1:8 Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and rejoice with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9now that you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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He _____ about our weeping and our sorrows and exchanges them all for a living hope through the transforming power of the resurrection.