

The Resurrection Power In You ***The Story Chapter 27***

Ephesians 1:19-20a

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead...

Resurrection power redeems our past, empowers our present, and secures our future.

I. Redeems Our Past

A. Cancels Our Past

B. There is no condemnation.

"Jesus Christ knows the things we have done wrong, but He did not come to rub them in. He came to rub them out." (Rick Warren)

II. Empowers our Present

What Paul is calling us to, is to come to an understanding of our current living status, and that is that we are actually dead. And sin has no power over dead people.

A. Crucified with Christ

Without the cross there is no resurrection.

B. Christ Lives in Me

The wonderful result of living a crucified life is that we allow Jesus' resurrection power to live and operate in us and through us.

C. Living by Faith

Faith activates resurrection power in us.

III. Secures our Future

A. Our Future on earth is secure

We do not know what tomorrow holds for us, but we know Who holds tomorrow.

B. Our Future in heaven is secure

We must understand that eternal life does not begin when we die; eternal life begins the moment we accept Christ as our Savior.

Ice Breaker:

Name a movie which plot twist stunned you and made you talk about it for days.

Discussion Suggestions:

1. If you feel comfortable, share with the group something from your past that you've allowed to still have power over you.
2. How does the description of "belief put into action" change your perspective on faith?
3. What excites you about the future? What worries you about the future?
4. How do you plan applying resurrection power to your current christian walk?