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Jesus, Our Living Hope

Dear Partners,

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"He is Risen!" And everyone said, "*He is Risen Indeed! Amen!*" This year as we meditate on the pain, suffering, death, and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, it is so encouraging to know that we have the assurance and the promise that one day Jesus will return back to take us, His bride, home with Him!

So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him. Hebrews 9:28

Isn't it wonderful to have the promise of His return? We have been redeemed from the curse of sin and death because of what Jesus did for us on the cross!

Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, " and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Luke 24: 46-47

He is our Redeemer (Gal 3:23), Savior (Luke 2:11), Healer (1 Peter 2:24), Provider (Phil. 4:19), Deliverer (Luke 4:18) and the Good Shepherd (John 10:11). He is our Chief Cornerstone in whom we put our hope and trust (Eph 2:20). Jesus is the only Hope for the world. When we look around at what is going on in our world today things seem to be getting worse with each passing day. It can be discouraging to see with our carnal eyes, but when we stop and put our eyes back on Jesus and Who He is, we have the confidence that if we put our trust and hope in Him, He will never disappoint us.

Those who hope in Me will not be disappointed. Isaiah 49:23

Many of us might look at this and say, *Brother John and Sister Alexandra, I have put my trust and hope in God.* But if you listen carefully to most Christians, sadly their words do not SPEAK any trust and hope in God. When the cares and troubles of this world come around (Mark 4:19), many of them begin to operate in their emotions and out of fear. Some of you may say, *Brother John and Sister Alexandra, sometimes what I say is just a figure of speech. It doesn't mean anything.* The problem is, the Word tells us that Life and Death are in the power of the tongue (Proverbs 18:21). We must **always** be mindful of what we speak and the only way to do this is by being in the Word, and in constant communion with the Father and praying in the Spirit. This is all part of our Spiritual Foundation. Building and maintaining our Spiritual Foundation requires putting time into our relationship with Him. Just like a house, one of the most important parts of it is its foundation; where and how we build it. Jesus talks about building our house on solid ground (the rock) in Matthew 7. If there are any cracks or faulty materials in the foundation, the house will eventually be knocked down or crumble when anything shakes its foundation. The same goes for our Spiritual Foundation.

"Everyone then who hears these words of Mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." Matthew 7:24-27

Just like what Jesus said about the wise man building his house on a solid rock, it is the same for our Spiritual Foundation. We must not be hearers only and not doers. We need to hear the Word, speak the Word and act on the Word when the storms come our way. In this way, we can have the assurance that the Lord **will** come through for us in every situation because it is written in the Word and we KNOW His Word. His Word is our final authority. We may not always understand His timing or His ways, but we can rest assured knowing that He is working all things for our good (Romans 8:28). Even though it seems like nothing is happening, He's working behind the scenes. We need to trust Him and enter into His rest (Hebrews 4:11) because we know beyond a shadow of a doubt that He will surely come through for us (Psalm 91). When we are resting and trusting in Him, we are at peace and the hope of God is in us.

Life on this earth will have its share of problems. Whether we need deliverance from depression, emotional or physical healing, a miracle in a job or marriage and family. We know He will surely come through for us because it is written in the Word. We have that confidence because we know His Word by spending time in It daily. Even if there is a moment where doubt or fear creeps up, our solid foundation is in Jesus, our Rock, and the Holy Spirit will bring back to our remembrance what the Word of God says (John 14:26). We can rest knowing He is taking care of us. Jesus is the only one who laid down His life for us to redeem us from the curse. There is no person, church, pastor, family member, government, president, leader or institution that we can put our hope and trust in. **Man will fail us.** Our living hope is Christ and His Word alone. All other ground is sinking sand. Even Jesus couldn't trust his own disciples! One of them betrayed Him, a couple of them fell asleep while praying, one denied Him 3 times and another doubted his resurrection! And can you imagine that they had walked and talked with Him for 3 years? The disciples are a great reminder to us that although people will fail us, Jesus never will. **His Word will never fail us** (Luke 1:37).

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3

This resurrection season is a great reminder that Jesus is our Living Hope. And He has given us new birth through His death and resurrection. That is His gift to us. Our calling and mission on this earth is to spread this gift of Living Hope to all humanity. You are the hands and feet of spreading this Living Hope through this Ministry. We want to thank each and every one of you for partnering with us by praying and supporting this Ministry. Because of your faithful support, JMM is able to spread the message of this Living Hope, Who is Jesus, to those without hope. Through this Ministry, the lost are found in Him, the hopeless find hope, sinners find forgiveness, and those hungry for the Word are fed. Your support is the fuel to this work that we have been entrusted with and we are grateful for you, friend. We are laborers together WITH you and together we will reap a bountiful harvest of souls. We pray that this Resurrection Sunday is a blessing to you and your family and that it will serve as a reminder that our only trust is in Jesus. He is our Living Hope!

They remembered that God was their rock, the Most High God their redeemer. Psalm 78:35

In His Service,
John & Alexandra