



I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. Alive

- What if the life you're living isn't the life you were made for?

John 12:24 (NLT) I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives.

B. You always believe like the person you believe yourself to be

- Your beliefs drive your behavior

C. Don't stop the story too early

- If we're not careful we reduce the resurrection to something that happened to Jesus and miss what it means for us

II. WHAT THE RESURRECTION MEANS TO ME

A. Resurrection and Life

John 11:25 (NLT) Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.

- **"Resurrection"** Greek: *anastasis* — *to stand up again*, but more, to rise into a new order of existence, a completely new kind of life
- **"Life"** Greek: *zoe* (not biological or physical life) God kind of life, eternal, unbreakable life
- The resurrection is not just something He does...It's who He is

B. How does Jesus, who is the resurrection, work in us?

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- You don't plant a seed and get a better seed, you get a harvest

C. What Jesus, the resurrection becomes

1 Corinthians 15:45 (NLT) The Scriptures tell us, "The first man, Adam, became a living person." But the last Adam—that is, Christ—is a life-giving Spirit.

- **"Life-giving"** Greek: *zoopoieō* — *To make alive, to impart life, to restore vitality*

D. This is how the resurrection affects us



Romans 8:11 (NLT) The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

- **“Spirit”** Greek: **pneuma** — breath, wind, life-force, the animating presence of God

III. LIVING LIKE THE PERSON YOU ARE

A. We believe that Jesus is alive, but live like we're dead

Ephesians 2:4-6 (NLT) But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

- **You will always act like the person that you believe yourself to be**

B. Why do we still live this way?

- **We stay at the tomb instead of walking in new life**

C. Resurrection power

- The resurrection will give you a new Identity

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT) This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

- **“New”** Greek: **kainos** — Not improved... completely different in nature
- The resurrection breaks fear

2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT) For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

- The resurrection breaks bondage

Romans 8:2 (NLT) And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.