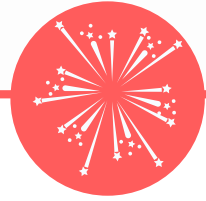


“FEARLESS” SERIES

“O’ DEATH
WHERE IS YOUR
STING?”

WEEK 1



SPARKS

- Can you remember a time you had to make a decision without having all the information? How did that feel?
- Have you ever worried about something that turned out okay?
- Can you share a moment when you realized you were stronger than you thought during a difficult time?



WORD

“55 ‘Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?’

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.” “57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Corinthians 15:55-57
(Read also John 20:1-29)

On the morning of the resurrection, everything seemed uncertain, confusing, and even painful. The disciples were scattered, Mary was grieving, and hope felt like it had been buried with Jesus. It was a moment filled with questions, silence, and disappointment. Yet in the middle of that very moment, God had

already done something greater than anyone could see or imagine. The stone was already rolled away, the tomb was already empty, and victory had already been secured.

This message reminds us that God is never absent in our confusion or pain. Even when we do not fully understand what is happening, Jesus is already at work behind the scenes, bringing victory where there seems to be defeat, peace where there is anxiety, and new life where things look finished. The resurrection teaches us that what we see is not always the full story, and what feels like an ending may actually be the beginning of something greater in God.

1. FAITH BEGINS EVEN WHEN WE DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND.

John 20:1,8

“1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.” “8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

Mary Magdalene came to the tomb while it was still dark, before she had any answers or understanding of what had happened. The stone was rolled away, but the full meaning of the empty tomb was not yet clear. Even John himself saw the empty tomb and only began to believe as he stepped in and observed what was there.

In the same way, faith often begins in moments of uncertainty, when we do not yet have the full picture. God does not always give us complete understanding first, but He invites us to trust Him as we take steps forward. Sometimes obedience comes before clarity, and belief begins before full comprehension. Where in your life is God asking you to trust Him before everything makes sense?

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2. GOD IS ALREADY WORKING BEHIND OUR PAIN.

John 20:13-14

“13 They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ “14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.”

Mary stood outside the tomb weeping, deeply overwhelmed by grief, not realizing that everything had already changed. Jesus had already risen. In her sorrow, she responded only to what she could see in the moment, while a greater reality had already taken place beyond her awareness. The angels gently questioned her, not to dismiss her pain, but to help her see that her understanding was limited. This reminds us that there are moments when our emotions lag behind what God has already accomplished, and we grieve situations that Heaven has already begun to overturn. Like Mary, we often face seasons of confusion or unanswered prayers, assuming nothing is happening when God may already be working in ways we cannot yet see. What if what you are still mourning has already been transformed by God into a new beginning?

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3. THE RESURRECTION BRINGS PERSONAL VICTORY AND LIVING HOPE.

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Jesus' resurrection is not just a historical event, it is our present victory. Death has lost its sting, and through Christ we are brought into a restored relationship with God. Because He lives, we now have peace in our hearts, purpose for today, and the promise of eternal life. The victory is not something we are waiting for, it is something we are already living in through Him. As 1 Corinthians 15:55–57 declares, the sting of death is gone and victory is given through Jesus Christ. So the question is, are you living daily in the victory that Jesus has already secured for you?

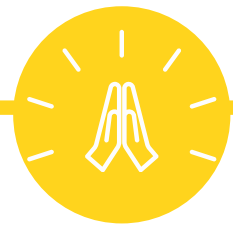
LIVE IT!

- Make time to see what God is doing through His Word, prayer, and reflection.
- Bring your discouragement honestly to God instead of staying stuck in it.
- Walk in confidence knowing Jesus has already secured your victory.



PRAYER

- Pray that God would strengthen your faith even in uncertainty.
- Pray for a renewed perspective in situations causing confusion or pain.
- Thank God for the resurrection and the living hope you have in Jesus.



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