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The Hope of Spring

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" 36You fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37And what you sow is not the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or something else. 38But God gives it a body as He has designed, and to each kind of seed He gives its own body. 39Not all flesh is the same: Men have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another, and fish another. 40There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies. But the splendor of the heavenly bodies is of one degree, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is of another. 41The sun has one degree of splendor, the moon another, and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor. 42So will it be with the resurrection of the dead: What is sown is perishable; it is raised imperishable. 43It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. 44It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ~ I Corinthians 15:35-44 (BSB)

This is an amazing time of the year. The frigid winter winds have turned into comforting gentle breezes of spring. The quiet trees are now teeming with happy birds greeting their friends with their various calls. The brown desolate fields will soon be transformed into a lush green oasis. It is a season of rebirth. The key to the fields being transformed is that the farmer does the labor of planting. The soil must be prepared and the seeds must be sown.

The Apostle Paul uses this analogy of farming to illustrate what we as believers will become when we are transformed through our death and resurrection. In the passage above we see that our body is compared to a seed that is planted into the ground. The seed dies and out of it is generated a new plant. The plant looks nothing like the seed that it came from. The plant is capable of so many things that the seed cannot possibly accomplish. So it is with our body compared with our spiritual body that we will someday be clothed with.

Please remember this when things look bleak in your life. It is as if we are seeds being held captive in a cold frozen ground. Someday we will be transformed into something so beautiful. It is winter but spring is coming!

In Christ, Pastor Ken





CONNECTION NOTES:

"W.W.J.D. VS. M.I.G.H.T."

I was reading a devotional that prompted me to meditate about God's desire to use me. This led me into a rabbit hole of searching. Searching for the reason behind why God created humans. Do this search sometime, it is very interesting!

I came away with the thought that my/our primary reasons for existence is praising God and bringing praise to His name. We all have been given a role to play, a "divine purpose", if you will. I decided I needed something to remind me of this, to help me remember, to better help me remember this role. I remembered the WWJD bracelets. Then I thought maybe not so much! (I could just see Ken shaking his head!) However, the idea of using an acronym stuck. I came up with the acronym "M.I.G.H.T."

M.I.G.H.T. reminds me "May I glorify Him today?"

And the answer - yes.

Next question - how?

Though the answer for each of us is individual, I thought of an answer that can fit into each of our lives. "How might I/we glorify God today, and every day?"

Here's a 5 step approach:

1. Pray: Pray about your life, pray for those in your life, and pray God will use your life. Pray for your church that we might return to living a life of "first love" passion.
2. Worship: Worship the One, the only One, who deserves all of our glory, admiration, awe and love.
3. Yield: Yield to whatever God wants to do in and through you. Say yes.
4. Go: Live your day with the Spirit of God within. Follow Him and help bring others to a place of worship and surrender.
5. Repeat: Repeat daily, moment by moment and always. Leave a legacy of glorifying God and start today.

You know what? If we do this, we will be reaching out to others. We will be meeting

needs and we will see others come to know our gracious, merciful and loving Savior! Will you start by joining me in prayer for ourselves, our church, and our community? We need prayer. And we all need more of Him!

Let's live our days with MIGHT!

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CONNECTION ACTIVITIES:

Carry-In Lunch after church on April 14:

The Hippensteels are moving away the end of April. Come wish them well as they start this new chapter in their lives. They will be missed.

Memory Verse of the Month!

Joshua 24:145(BSB)

But if it is displeasing in your sight to serve the LORD, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living. As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD!



Dr Sharon will be with us on Sunday, April 14. She will be sharing in Sunday School at 9a and in the worship service at 10a. Come hear what she has to say about her work in Asia and Hawaii.

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Easter Egg Hunt!!!

