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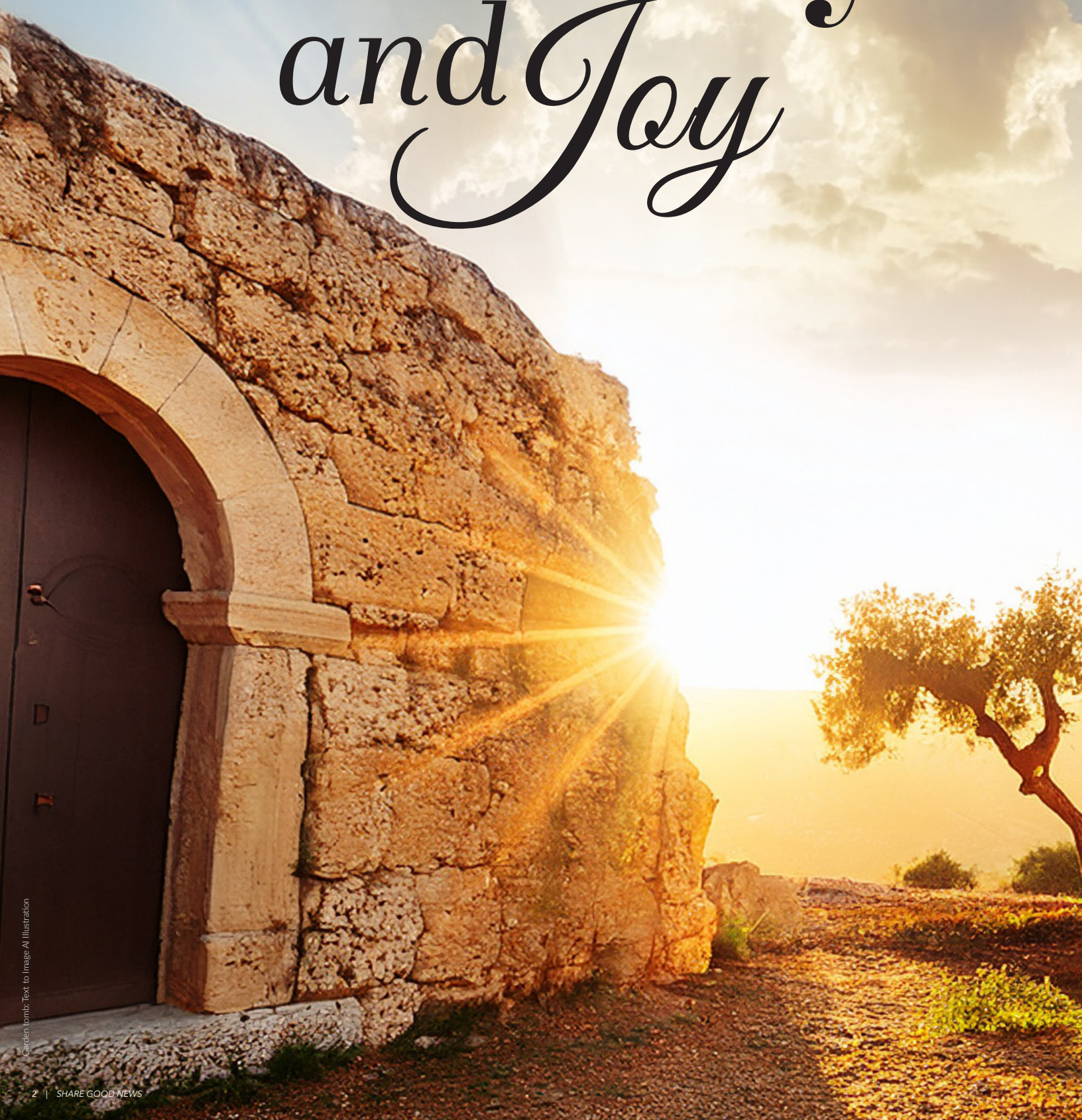
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by Bob Jacobus

Sobriety *and Joy*





In the Judeo-Christian tradition, March and April are the season of rescue and resurrection—a time of great joy but also a time of profound sobriety. In natural terms, there must be a death, total surrender, before there can be a resurrection. The same is true with God... God must die and surrender sovereignty before God can be resurrected. Understanding why and how God accomplished this wondrous feat reveals a sobering reality: how great He is and how much He loves people. There is another closely related aspect of the season which is mostly overlooked and follows in the wake of the Bible's narrative. To pique the readers' interest the third part is identified in the latter body of this essay. Grasping the outcome of His passionate love and plan instills a precious joy in one which anticipates the future and is forever grateful.

**“This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.”
Psalm 118:24 (KJV)**

Psalm 118 is all about rescue and resurrection, a worthwhile read in its entirety. The writer exudes in grateful joy, in worship and praise that is birthed from a deep, intimate knowledge of God and His ways.

The all-knowing God has a complete handle on good and evil. He is good, Jesus said, “No one is good—except God alone” (Luke 18:19 NIV). One must understand that God's nature is good and that He does not create evil. Take note: in order to correct and combat evil, God will do hard things, sometimes described as evil. Caveat: A conversation of good and evil is not the purpose of this essay but must somehow be acknowledged since it is evil from which God must rescue us.

**“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”
James 1:17 (NIV)**

The first thing that needs to be restored or resurrected is man's relationship with God. Once one has acknowledged that God exists, then lines of communication need to be established. God provides the open door for communication through Jesus Christ. The process is pretty simple: surrender to Jesus and accept His offer of salvation. In a symbolic sort of way, this is dying to oneself. Personal spiritual rescue and resurrection begin with a



new birth, which God gives freely to those who ask. This is possible by the resurrection of Christ from the dead.

For God to be resurrected, He had to die. To die, He had to live. To live, He had to be born. This marvelous sequence was accomplished through the Trinity. God the Father could retain life, while God the Son could experience birth, death, and complete surrender. The Holy Spirit held everything together. The function of the Holy Ghost is so important here because God the Father would have been emotionally compromised seeing His Son die the gruesome death that took place. He would also have been compromised when Christ took the totality of sin upon himself. God cannot tolerate sin (Habakkuk 1:13). The Holy Spirit held things together. To know God, one must understand and accept the Triune God by faith. No words or reasoning can clarify it; it is just the way God is and has always been.

The Lord requires us to surrender our personal dominion in order to fully embrace Him; it is nothing compared to the personal sovereignty He gave up on the cross so we could become part of His family. Yes, sons and daughters!!!

Oh, what joy! At some point, we will experience a day that the Lord has made; it is even called the Day of the Lord. The King will have had enough of the evil unrighteousness and return in a glorious, resurrected body to correct all things. With Him are the resurrected Saints, those who have embraced the Life of Christ and accepted His Kingship. Oh, what joy!

After the resurrection, Jesus spent 40 days mingling with seekers and believers. The event on His last day on earth, often forgotten in the Easter narrative, is The Ascension. This is the day that Jesus moved from representing God on earth to representing mankind in

Easter?

The term for the spring celebration is not really Bible-based. It most likely came from the Old English word for the month of April, Eosturmonap. The month was named after the goddess of spring, Eostre. In most other languages, the holiday is called Pascha, Greek for Passover. Probably the best term and most accurate would be Resurrection Sunday.

The important thing to remember is that it's all about **the Passover, the Cross, and the Resurrection of JESUS CHRIST.**



Heaven. The Son moved from being God's servant on earth to being man's servant and advocate in Heaven. Believers witnessed Jesus taken up and disappear into a cloud, a heavenly veil, if you will. At this point, they were asked by angels, "Men of Galilee, why do you stare into the sky?" Then comes the great declaration, "This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). This prophetic declaration is more; it is also a promise. The day comes near.

Many of the events that surrounded the Day of Calvary parallel the Day of the Lord, the Day He comes back. For the naysayers and disrespectful it is a day of clouds, a time of doom (Ezekiel 30:3). It is a day in the valley of decision (Joel 3:14). People tremble at the darkness, pitch-dark without a ray of light (Amos 5:18, 20), the land splits by earthquake and the temple veil is ripped in two (Matthew 27:51). It happens very quickly for those who are not watching. At the same time, those who know God heard the promise and recognized the warnings and are now able to say, "This is it!"

Calvary, The Cross, The Resurrection, The Empty Tomb, The Glorified Body of Christ, The Ascension, The Clouds, and The Return cannot be separated from one another in the Easter Narrative.

Now then, celebrate Resurrection Sunday with all your might; with family, friends, brothers, and sisters in the Lord. Do this with a great joy tempered by the great meekness (power under control) that comes from knowing Him and His triumphant victory over death. Consider this: a scripture search of the Day of the Lord will reveal a great chorus, "He is coming soon!"

Kingdom Marriage

The Wedding Feast Approaches

If you are risen with Christ, seek those things which are above. Christ, the anointed, resides in this position, on the right hand of God, in a place of honor and authority. We are to set our affection on having understanding, learning to be wise, and directing our minds to seek the higher knowledge of God's Kingdom (see Colossians 3). Our position should reflect us taking it to God and His Word first, our first love, instead of looking to the world for all the answers. His Word, the truth of our situation, was given to us to remind us of who we are in the body of Christ, and the Holy Spirit is our guide once we are born again. Yes, we must learn how to function in this world, but to be wise in Kingdom knowledge means we must submit to our assignment from God and choose Him. He provides for the fulfillment of His will.

For some in the Church (*Ecclesia: the called out*), that assignment will involve being positioned in finance, business, or industry. Yet, others will be set to help the body of Christ, building up the faith of the saints through other ministries, or through simply being a purveyor of light, representing Christ in less famous ways but no less important, i.e., pastors, ministers, or laity like Suzie down the street who works at the grocery store. There will be many in Heaven whose names you don't know here on earth because they followed, obeyed, and were not only good and faithful servants performing their calling; they were chosen and called out. We should not forsake those whom God assembles together as He sees fit for His purposes. (Visit 2 Thessalonians 2:1; Hebrews 10:25. The word *episunagoge* is only used twice in the scriptures. First, as *gathering together* in 2 Thessalonians and second, as *assembling* in Hebrews.)

The parable of the marriage of the king's son is found in Matthew 22:1-14. Let me focus on this: it matters what kingdom you choose to marry and believe is your source! Let me paraphrase the story as best I can.

The king sent his servants to call "them that were bidden" for his son's marriage, but they wouldn't come. Again, he sends the servants out with a message, "Tell those called, Look! I have prepared my dinner. It's all ready. Come now! To the nuptials of my son." However, they couldn't care less and did not regard his request. Men went back to their own lands (flesh); moreover, they returned to man's way of business (monetary/business system). The remaining men who did not return seized the king's servants, abused them, and killed them.

When the king found out what the men had done, he was provoked to anger. He dispatched his troops and destroyed those murdering criminals, burning up their city. He tells his men, who are devoted, seeking to be at the nuptials, that those men who were called were not worthy and tells them to go to the highways and bid as many as they can find into the marriage. They did, bringing in everything they found, both good and bad. The wedding was supplied with guests at the table (see also Psalm 23:5).

The king entered and looked closely at the guests. He perceived a man who had yet to invest in a covering, the outer robe for the wedding. The king asks him, "Friend, in what way did you enter here into the wedding not possessing the wedding robe?" And he was reduced to silence.

The king told his servants to fasten him with chains, hand and foot, and eject him into outer darkness. Where he cannot have access to the door. There will be a process of lamentation and grinding of teeth there. The reason is that many are invited to the banquet—the wedding of the king's son—as proclaimed by the Gospel, to obtain eternal salvation through Christ; however, few are hand-picked and chosen by God.

Could it be that those men who went back into the world's systems after being told that the dinner was prepared decided to serve people's wants and fleshly desires, fully embracing mammon as their source? Was their spirit married to the spirit of mammon to the point that they began to hate God? Did they desire and trust their riches, stature, and wealth more than a relationship with God? I contend they did. They returned to man's marketplace to build what they desired and killed

anyone who would say otherwise. They desired to make it easier on themselves through innovations, lessening the burdens of their assignments, unaware that it was widening the gulf between themselves, the truth of His Word, and the Kingdom of God.

The one who was bound, hand and foot, taken away, and cast into outer darkness, ignorant of how to respect divine things and human duties, had blasphemed the Holy Spirit, trying to be at the banquet without a relationship with the King's Son. He was not covered by the blood of Jesus Christ; therefore, his spirit was in bondage, not ready for the nuptials of the Son of God.

A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increase strength.

FOR BY WISE COUNSEL THOU SHALT
MAKE THEY WAR: AND IN MULTITUDE OF
COUNSELLORS THERE IS SAFETY.

Proverbs 24:5-6 (KJV)

I find it very interesting that the word for *multitude* in Proverbs 24:5-6 is the Hebrew word *rob*, pronounced like the word *robe*. A wise King shall not be robbed. His battle plan shall have rescue, salvation, and victory through a multitude, a covering, and a robe of righteousness through those called to His service, by Him alone.

The final banquet approaches, and it is each person's responsibility to decide to believe they are a child of God and to look to Him for instruction through the Holy Spirit by accepting His Son's finished work and being filled with the Holy Spirit. Are you clothed in the robe of righteousness? Are you in right standing with God, having the covering of the blood of Jesus Christ upon you, being born again in the spirit, and made ready for the wedding of the Son of the King? Only you can answer this question, and only you will be held accountable for your decision to make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life now as the Wedding Feast approaches. The call to enter the King's Hall is given. If you have any doubts, we suggest you begin reading the Bible, ask the Holy Spirit to direct your path, and speak with a local pastor to assist you on your journey. ~*Shalom*

by Jason DePoy

When the End is *Just the Beginning*



In the Gospel of Mark we meet a man whose life had been defined by loss. The passage says that he had a withered hand, but it does not tell us how long he had lived that way. It may have been years. It may have been most of his life. All we know is that by the time his story intersects with Jesus, the condition had already shaped his reality.

Gospel of Mark 3:1–5



At the end of our ability, God's ability begins.

A withered hand in that culture meant far more than a physical limitation. It meant weakness, inability, and likely poverty. It could mean exclusion from normal work and participation in daily life. In many ways, this man lived on the margins—weak, withered, and perhaps of little use.

In other words, he was a social outcast, someone whose condition left him with very little hope.

Yet the most striking part of the story is not just his condition—it is where the story takes place. He was in a religious environment, surrounded by people who claimed to be devoted to God. But the religious leaders present that day were not interested in the man's well-being. Instead, they were watching Jesus carefully, hoping to catch Him breaking their interpretation of the law.

They expected Jesus might heal the man, but their concern was not compassion; it was accusation. They were waiting for an opportunity to bring charges against Him.

The man with the withered hand was simply a case study to them.

This moment reveals an uncomfortable truth: religion can sometimes become more concerned with rules than with people. The religious leaders saw a law to protect. Jesus saw a man who needed restoration. That's one of the major differences between being religious about God and being in a relationship with God.

This story echoes another moment in the Gospels—the woman with the issue of blood in the Gospel of Luke 8:43–48. Like the man with the withered hand, she had suffered for a long time and had run out of

options. Situations like these represent what many people experience today: the place where strength is gone, resources are exhausted, and hope feels distant.

The withered hand symbolized more than a physical disability. It represented something weak, lifeless, and inoperable—something that seemed beyond repair.

Too many people know what that feels like. Are there times you can relate?

There are seasons when nothing seems to work. Dreams dry up. Efforts fail. Doors close. Situations that once had life seem withered and dead. Eventually, a person reaches the end of their own ability, the end of their resources, the end of their knowledge, and the end of their strength.

Those are difficult moments, but they can also be the moments where God begins to work in extraordinary ways.

At the end of our ability, God's ability begins.

The turning point in the story happens when Jesus speaks directly to the man. Instead of offering sympathy or simply announcing a miracle, Jesus gives him a command: "Stretch out your hand."

On the surface, that instruction seems almost unreasonable. If the man could have stretched out his hand on his own, he likely would have done so long before that day. His condition prevented him from doing exactly what Jesus was asking him to do; yet Jesus gave him an instruction that seemed impossible.

Why would He do that?

If you look through similar situations in scripture, you'll see that the Lord often gives instructions that require faith.



Boat in the storm: Text to Image AI illustration

A simple definition of faith is believing the Word of God is true, even when there is no physical evidence yet, and then acting in line with that Word.

When God speaks, He invites a response. I think we would all agree that the Word of God is powerful, but did you know that the power that's in the Word is released when someone acts on it?

There are many examples of this in scripture; however, one instance is when Jesus invites Peter to come out onto the water with a simple Word of Invitation: "Come." That one Word contained enough power to defy the natural law of physics to walk on top of the water. Why didn't all the men in the boat get pulled out of the boat and onto the water? Because God's invitations do not happen automatically. We must mix the Word we hear with faith (Hebrews 4:2) and respond to that Word with a corresponding action. Peter was the only one who responded to Jesus' invitation. Therefore, he was the only one who experienced the power that the Word contained.

The man with the withered hand finds himself in a very similar situation.

That moment required him to decide how he would respond.

Would he remain frozen by the limitations of his condition? Would he allow his years of disability to define what he believed could happen? Or would he mix the Word that he had just heard with faith and respond to Jesus' invitation?

Needless to say, he made the right choice. He stretched out his hand, and the miracle-working power of God was initiated when he responded in faith.

The text shows us something powerful: our limitations do not determine whether God's Word comes to pass—our response does. The man acted on Jesus' instruction despite the contradictory evidence of his condition. His hand had always been withered. His circumstances said nothing would change.

But he responded to the Word anyway.

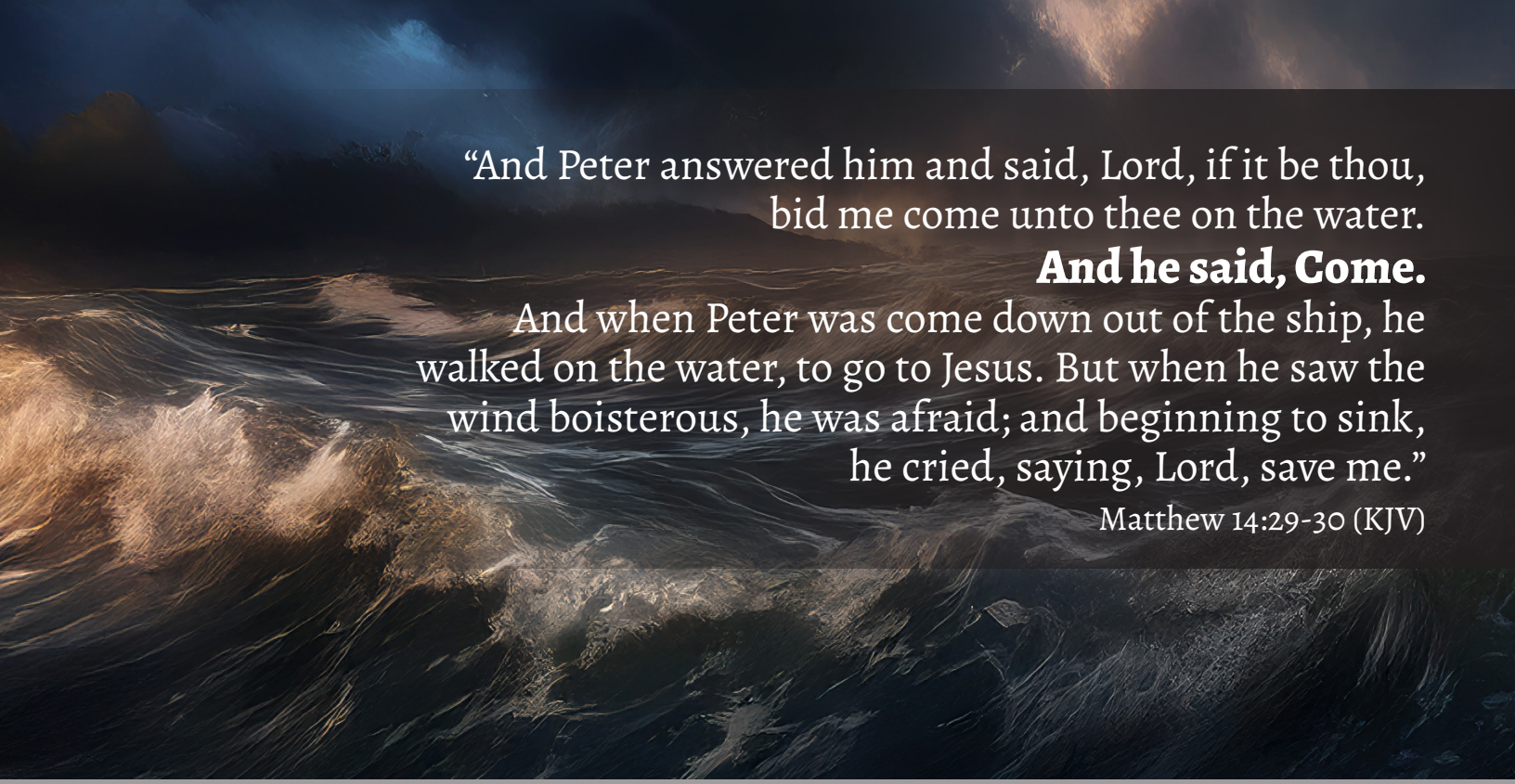
And when he acted, God's supernatural ability met him at the end of his own.

This is a principle that appears again and again throughout Scripture. James 2:14–17 reminds us that faith without works is dead. Faith is not simply agreeing with an idea; it is responding to God's Word with a corresponding action that aligns with that Word. Likewise, Ephesians 2:8 teaches that faith accesses what grace has already provided.

The man with the withered hand did exactly that. He mixed faith with the Word he received.

The lesson is both simple and profound: acting on the Word of God releases the power in that Word to bring it to pass.

For many believers, the struggle is not whether God has promises for them. The struggle is deciding how to respond when life contradicts those promises. Hardships often tempt us to withdraw, complain, grow offended, or give up entirely.



“And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou,
bid me come unto thee on the water.

And he said, Come.

And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he
walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the
wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink,
he cried, saying, Lord, save me.”

Matthew 14:29-30 (KJV)

But another response is possible.

Instead of reacting with frustration or defeat, a believer can seek a Word from God for their situation. They can meditate on that Word until it becomes real in their heart, and they can see it on the canvas of their imagination. They can begin declaring it, thanking God for it, and praising Him for the promise even before circumstances change.

That kind of approach will birth a faith response that aligns with His Word.

Sometimes all that is needed is exactly what the man in Mark's Gospel received: a Word from God. Once he had that Word, the path forward became clear— “I must act on it, by faith.”

Even if the action seems impossible.

Even if the evidence says nothing will change.

Even if the condition has “always been that way.”

Because one truth stands at the center of this story: Just because something has always been that way does not mean it has to stay that way – not when God has already given us a promise that tells us we have victory in that area.

God still speaks into impossible situations. His promises give hope to people standing at the end of their own strength. And when those promises are met with faith-filled action, something powerful happens – God's Word is manifested in the flesh.

The man walked into that gathering with a withered hand and very little hope.

But he walked out restored.

What looked like the end of his ability turned out to be the beginning of God's intervention. And that is often how God works.

When human strength runs out...

When solutions disappear...

When hope feels thin...

You could be just one act of obedience to God's Word away from your miracle.

Isn't that what we celebrate every year during the Easter Season? It looked like the end. He was crucified and buried. All hope seemed to be lost, until His Word came to pass. The stone was rolled away. The tomb was empty. What looked like the end was actually just the beginning.




Interrupting God's Flow

From Chaos to Peace

Interruptions come at us from all directions. They manifest from both unexpected and familiar places, and even things we do in our daily routine play a role. And let's not forget the elephant in the room, technology. Between dings, pings, rings, and alarms, it can feel like the computers are controlling our time. Peace seems to be fleeting in a 5–6-day work week, let alone in our evening chores and bedtime routines. I don't think I am the only person to feel this new tension rising in the atmosphere. It is like thick fog enveloping our thoughts, making it harder to concentrate, as if it's a form of intelligence set on blocking our God-given right to be connected to the Holy Spirit. However, we can partner with God's flow and shorten the distance between those moments of chaos, allowing us to reach peace in our lives.

Want Chaos? Create Interruptions

What is an interruption? The textbook definition is an action that hinders or stops an activity for a time. It can reflect a pause, a disruption, an intermission, a disturbance, an intrusion, or a disconnection. Common interruptions include phone calls, emails, and notifications on whatever devices we are using. It could be unexpected visits, conversations that drag on, or running into a friend while at the store. Distractions can even come at you from a noisy bird, a truck blowing its horn, or someone down the street mowing the lawn. It really depends on what environment you're in. Take a moment and think of all the distractions you have had in your day before reading this. Were they unexpected? Were they because you didn't take care of one thing that



made you have to now fix a problem caused by it? Some interruptions are of our own making as well. Maybe they weren't major events, but they were enough to cause some chaos for your day. Amazingly, as I am writing, I was interrupted by a wonderful neighbor at my door!

There are innumerable other disturbances throughout our day. There are work-related interruptions, such as a quick meeting turning into hours, or a colleague's question comes as a loud voice through your office doorway. We have household chores like unfolded laundry on the bed that must be folded before the in-laws arrive for dinner, a child who gets a cold and must go to the clinic, or a pet that needs a potty walk, just as you put the cake in the oven.

Social media and technology interruptions are now the norm, but with advancements in AI meant to help limit and prioritize them, the system hiccups have not been resolved. Sometimes a call that should come through is routed to voicemail, never shows up, or doesn't show up for hours. Then there is the old standby, television. I can remember when there were limited commercials during TV shows, programs, and online media outlets. Podcasts are in this category, but as with some other media, if you pay a subscription fee, the content contains little or no advertising.

Today, with every market fighting for advertising dollars, you may get ten minutes of a show, then eight to ten minutes of commercials! Consumers are now forced to choose between enduring these interruptions or paying for a premium service to watch a movie semi-commercial-free. The new subscription-based model has become the go-to system; however, it is one of the worst offenders in disrupting the flow of information and entertainment. It is literally the wild west out there when it comes to finding standard-setting options for news and entertainment. A literal Pandora's Box is open, and the AI genie is on the loose!

Then there are the environmental factors that bring disturbance. A new building is under construction right beside your office, so you must take a 15-minute detour because the road is closed. Weather disruptions are just as prevalent in our lives now. Massive snowstorms,

wind, flooding rain, hail the size of softballs, arctic cold as far south as Florida, and odd heat waves in the middle of Spring! All these things have been increasing, and the people of God are paying attention.

How to Spot Some Interruptions Before They Begin

Increased distractions can take many forms, as noted. But what can we do, and what are some signs of potential interruptions in our day? Check your environment. Something as small as looking at the weather for the day and dressing appropriately can bring peace and stability. Check your work environment. Will there be a meeting this week, an important delivery of merchandise that needs to be stocked, or a large project you need to complete? Take 10 minutes to look at your schedule. Practicing anticipating others' needs or questions can help reduce problems. You will never eliminate all distractions, but getting into a productive rhythm helps maintain focus.

Becoming self-aware of the indicators that can distract you is a learned skill. Trust yourself and keep a notebook handy to write down sudden changes you can refer to later. If you feel a change in your focus, start feeling hungry, rushed, or overwhelmed, you may disconnect from what you are doing.

How can you proactively manage interruptions? Here are some strategies. First, bring God into your day before your feet hit the ground. Something I do each morning before I get out of bed is say, "This is the day the Lord has made, and I shall rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). I have it on my letter board in my kitchen and see it every morning as a reminder. Second, set boundaries. In whatever you are doing, set a boundary that fits you. For example, no phone calls at home after 9:00 p.m. or no social media an hour before bed for good sleep. Third, create designated work, rest, family, and prayer time. Too often, we move on the fly, leaving the door open for chaos to enter. Designating mornings and/or before bed for prayer can bring calm first thing in the morning and before you get rest. Only check and reply to emails twice a day (unless there is a priority). Schedule meetings on



a set day and add 30 minutes before the meeting for reflection or preparation. Turn your phone on to “reduce interruptions” option or set it to “do not disturb” during work hours. Utilizing boundaries can make you more productive, but you should also be flexible enough to change things when necessary. It is your choice whether you want to have some say in how you plan your day.

Discover your “why” and what you want your life to look like, and make that your focus and priority. With these two questions answered, it makes it a lot easier to say, “No,” to things that don’t fall in line with your life goals. Always make sure God is consulted so the path you are on is directed by Him. You’ll know the right way when peace is present. And how do you get to a peaceful answer? Read on...

Want Peace? Create a Peaceful Atmosphere

The importance of a peaceful environment for productivity and well-being cannot be overstated. Neither can we diminish our faith in the path the Lord leads each one on for His purpose. And as you have been reading this, I’ll bet you’ve already thought of at least two things you can do to manage and be proactive as disturbances in your family, work, and prayer life increase. The examples thus far have all been practical steps with everyday applications. But let’s get into the real meat of this article. God gave us the ability to have peace in Him, no matter the situation!

In Matthew, the first book of the New Testament, Jesus lays out who the peacemakers are: “Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God” (Matthew 5:9 KJV). They are the BLESSED children of God! The word *peacemaker* means *one who makes peace, peaceable, and one who loves peace*. This

word confirms that we should all strive to maintain peace in our lives and remain under His blessing.

In John 14:26, Jesus introduces us to the Comforter, the Holy Ghost. He shall teach us and bring all things to our remembrance. Then, in verse 27, He says, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” He came to give us the Word, a double-edged sword, that would help to circumcise our hearts and turn our minds back to Christ, where true peace resides. And, in whom, after His death, burial, and resurrection, we are the body.

Jesus’ life personified the Word and He knew His purpose. His “why.” During turmoil, He sought peace. He sought a connection with the Father. He prayed. After He healed many and cast out devils, He went into the desert early and prayed (See Mark 1:34-35). After healing the man with a withered hand, the Pharisees were filled with madness, plotting against Jesus. He knew their thoughts yet performed the miracle, refusing to be afraid (See Luke 6:6-11). Then, verses 12 and 13 tell us what He did before selecting His disciples, “And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles.” This is a perfect example of how to maintain peace under distress: Know your why, keep your connection with God, ask in prayer for direction, give action to your faith, and know whose you are. No matter the situation you are in, Christ has overcome it. Being at peace allows the Holy Spirit to give you supernatural instructions that bring victory!

Maintain Peace in a Fallen World

To maintain peace amid personal and national chaos, draw on forgiveness and trust in God’s guidance. Pursue a purposeful, centered life, returning often to prayer and reflection. In doing so, you close the distance between chaos and peace and equip yourself to respond with clarity and calm, no matter the source of the interruption.

Practice forgiveness

- “For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” Matthew 6:14-15 (KJV)

- “Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.” Matthew 18:21-22 (KJV)

Emphasize love and compassion.

- “Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.” Matthew 5:43-45 (KJV)
- “Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.” 1 Peter 3:8-9 (KJV)

Seek solitude and prayer regularly.

- Jesus frequently stepped away from the chaos of this world and prayed alone, seeking the only One who had the power and the answers for His mission. He made sure there was always time to be alone with the Father in preparation for events or for refreshing. Some scriptures of note: Mark 1:35, Mark 3:13, Mark 6:30-32, Mark 6:46, Matthew 14:13, Matthew 15:29.

Building supportive relationships

- To be at peace, you must surround yourself with the right people. Set boundaries aligned with your goals for tranquility in your life. Jesus selected 12, yet there was still a Judas among them. But consider this hard reality: sometimes it takes a Judas to get us where God wants us to be.

Be thankful and give gratitude.

- “Thank you” is more than just a kind thing to say to someone, especially to our triune God.


A sincere “thank you” confirms a transaction has occurred. For example, if someone brings you flowers, what would you say? That’s awful? No, I don’t want them. No...most would say, “Thank you.” That means something was given and something was received. Being thankful to God is an act of faith. It is thanking Him for what He has done and for the faith to say it, which brings about the things not yet seen! Being grateful gives recognition and glory to the Lord. No matter the situation or amount of discontent, be grateful to God, knowing it will work out for His will and for good!

Interruptions are unavoidable, but chaos is a choice.

In a world filled with constant noise and interruption, peace is not found by controlling our circumstances but by surrendering them to God. When we choose prayer over panic, gratitude over frustration, and obedience over fear, we align ourselves with His flow. Jesus showed us that peace is nurtured by our relationship with the Father. He often went away from all the noise to His quiet place, seeking peace and clarity in His purpose. As we follow His example to forgive freely, love intentionally, and remain thankful in all things, the Holy Spirit guides us through the chaos into calm. May we daily choose God’s presence. May we have faith in knowing that where His peace rests, clarity, purpose, and refreshing will assuredly follow.º



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and peace, and
joy in the
Holy Ghost.
Romans 14:17 (KJV)

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