

IMPACT CONFERENCE 2017



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TOPIC:

Resurrected Servants!

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“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”

1 Pet. 1:3

What does it mean to resurrect?



Resurrect!



- *To bring (a dead person) back to life: to cause (something that had ended or been forgotten or lost) to exist again, to be used again, etc.*
- *Revive, restore, regenerate, revitalize, breathe new life into, bring back to life, reinvigorate, resuscitate, rejuvenate, stimulate, reestablish or re-launch.*

A resurrected server



- There is and continues to be a lot of talk about serving in the kingdom. Books have been written, curriculums developed, seminars given and thousands of sermons preached – all about *servicing*.
- I want us to spend our time thinking about the idea of a resurrected server! Yes we will talk about serving but we will emphasize the whole idea of being a resurrected server.

Key servant principles:

- Resurrected servers
- Answering the call
- Following the caller and developing the called
- Serving like the caller



A resurrected server



- Lets begin by asking ourselves what is the definition or purpose of the resurrected server?
- How does this impact our serving?

A resurrected server (cont'd)



- The definition of resurrection gives us a clue to our true condition but it requires us to really examine what Jesus did on Calvary and then on Easter morning. Jesus paid the cost for our wrong doings, past, present and future! According to the Bible the wages of sin is death and all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Since this is the case the only thing that could save us was a new start, a start that did not begin with us but with Him. Jesus decided to take “on” our sins. He died the death that we should have died and forever paid the cost for our sins, this is called redemption. The Bible lets us know that he did it because of love! Yes love was the motivating factor in his coming, ministry, death and resurrection, love! (*John 3:16*)

A resurrected server (cont'd)



So what should be the response of those who have been resurrected?

To Serve!

We must remember that our redemption came about because of what he did not do anything good that we have done.

Resurrected servers (cont'd)



So who are the resurrected servers?

Resurrected Servers are:

- Sober and excited
- Resurrected
- Compassionate
- They remember
- They have issues

Answering the call



Follow me and I will make you a fisher of people

Key Principle:

The greatest challenge for the server in accepting and hearing the call of God is the voice of recall!



Answering the call (cont'd)



What is the voice of recall?

- Your past
- Your old friends
- Your family
- Your self

Answering the call (cont'd)



Remember the cure to the voice of recall is not to get into an argument with those voices; they are right about you!

However the Bible supersedes all of it:

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.” 2nd Corinthians 5:17

Answering the call (cont'd)



- God needs hands and feet
- They know they are not qualified
- Good calls the unqualified, God uses junk and trash!

Following the caller and developing the called!



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- Resurrected servers follow the caller.
- The develop as they follow:

And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

- There is no development until you say yes!

Following the caller and developing the called (cont'd)



- **There is no development until you say yes**
- Kingdom servant principle:
 - Gift or call without development is disaster.

Explain

Follow the caller and developing the called (cont'd)



Listen to how Jesus Develops those who would follow him:

- Love your enemies
- Pray for those who spitefully use you
- Fasting
- Praying
- **Changed people change people; Kingdom principle**

You are not qualified at the time of the call but you get qualified
as you follow



- Resurrected servers follow
- Resurrected servers understand self denial
- Resurrected servers understand cross bearing

Serve like the caller!



Kingdom principle:

- Changed people change people.
- Jesus hinged the entire kingdom on a simple belief: that changed people change people.

Lets discuss!

Serve like the caller (cont'd)



“...But whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant.” Matthew 20:26

- They are great contradictions!
- Humility and power
- Love and seriousness
- Miracles and discipline

Serve like the caller (cont'd)



Serving like the caller is a great contradiction!

- Humility and power
- Love and seriousness
- Miracles and discipline