

sent in resurrection power

the resurrected life | week four

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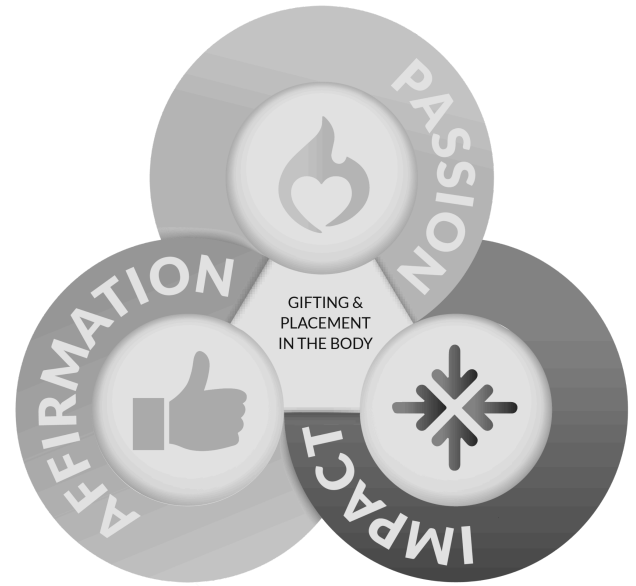


1. Resurrected to Serve! |

Ephesians 4:11-16

Ephesians 4:16 (NLT) “He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”

- Each believer is supernaturally gifted by God to serve the body of Christ so we can all mature and become more like Christ.
- Discovering our gifts isn't about our preferences, but about seeking to be more useful in the Lord's hands.
- Discovering our gifts doesn't occur in isolation (Passion, Impact, Affirmation)
- Beware of “gift envy”, “gift projecting,” and “gift minimizing” (1 Cor 12:1-31)



2. Resurrected to live in a new way in every sphere of our lives! | Ephesians 4:17-31

Off with Old, On with the New

Ephesians 4:21-24 (NLT) ²¹Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, ²²throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. ²³Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. ²⁴Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

- Jesus resurrected not only to give us eternal life, but also the ability to live a new life now through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.
- As we cooperate with the Holy Spirit (conviction of sin, clarity of righteousness – John 16:8; an overflowing of His life within – Gal 5:22-23), He will change how we interact in the Church, in our Homes, and how we engage with the World [Our part vs His part – Phil 2:12-13]
- This new life decreases our deceiving one another (truth tellers); how we process our anger; what we do with our resources; the way we treat others with our words; etc.

Don't grieve God

Ephesians 4:30 (NLT) And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own,^[e] guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.

- Our sin hurts us and hurts others – this grieves God because He loves us so much.
- Conflicting desires and actions are normal in the Christian life (Gal 5:17; Rom 7)
- Even when we fail, He reminds us that we are His own – sealed! (Eph 1:12-15)

Imitate God in everything.

Ephesians 4:31-5:2 (NLT) ³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³²Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. ¹Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. ²Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us^[a] and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

- As we abide in Christ, spending time in His Word, with His people, reminding ourselves of whose we are and living in obedience to His Word. He changes us from the inside out.
- The Holy Spirit changes how we live so we can be the salt and light Jesus called us to be (Matt 5:13-16)
- He wants to resurrect every sphere of our lives (Church, Home, World)
 - Church involvement, marriages, parenting, work, community, neighbors, the world

Let's continue to live on mission with Him.

Acts 1:8 (NLT) "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Practical Application

1. What is holding you back from serving in the church?
2. If you're serving in the church, how are you allowing others to speak into your life to find where you are most useful to the Lord?
3. What aspects of your life are from your old ways that you need to repent of and throw off?
4. What qualities of Jesus and His Holy Spirit do you need to "put on" in your daily living?
5. Take some time to thank God for saving and sealing you. You are His. Even in your brokenness.
6. Which sphere of your life (Church, Home, World) needs the most Holy Spirit transformation right now, and what is your part in that?
7. Who is someone the Lord wants you to be a witness to them of His goodness and grace?

