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Voice of Triumph

The way out—new life in Christ: “No condemnation now hangs over the head of those who are ‘in’ Jesus Christ. For the new spiritual principle of life ‘in’ Christ lifts me out of the old vicious circle of sin and death.”

Romans 8:1-2, (Phillips)

JESUS CONQUERED NOT ONLY DEATH, BUT DELAY, DECAY, AND DISMAY

John 11 charts Jesus’ steps for Lazarus could live again. 1- Jesus declared the end from the beginning: “When Jesus heard this, He said, “This sickness will not end in death; but [on the contrary it is] for the glory *and* honor of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it,” v4, (AMP). 2- No delay, decay, or dismay ever exists in the glory realm: “So [even] when He heard that Lazarus was sick, He stayed in the same place two more days.” The delay by Jesus was to assure everyone that Lazarus was truly dead, as the context which follows makes clear,” v6/ Footnote (AMP). 3- Every heaven-born reality Jesus needs a partner on earth: “Martha saith unto Him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto Him, Yea, Lord: I believe that Thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world,” vv24-27, (KJV). 4- Jesus’ compassion is so moving that He came to change even the shadow of death, i.e., grief: “When Mary came [to the place] where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet, saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her sobbing, and the Jews who had come with her also sobbing, He was deeply moved in spirit [to the point of anger at the sorrow caused by death] and was troubled, and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said, “Lord, come and see. Jesus wept,” 32-35, (AMP). 5- Dissolve all doubts that Jesus guarantees every Word with miracles: “Jesus therefore again groaning in Himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto Him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?” vv38-40, (KJV). 6- Saying in Jesus’ name guarantees you are never working alone: “Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up His eyes, and said, Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast heard Me. And I knew that Thou hearest Me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that Thou hast sent Me,” vv41-42, (KJV). 7- The Lord roars through your command of the Word of God: “After these words, He called out in a thunderous voice. **Jesus:** ‘Lazarus, come out! Then, the man who was dead walked out of his tomb bound from head to toe in a burial shroud.’ **Jesus:** ‘Untie him, and let him go,’” vv43-44, The Voice.

TURN DARKNESS TO LIGHT; AFTERWARD, TURN DEATH TO LIFE

Jairus, a synagogue official, came and fell at Jesus’ feet. He begged Him to come to his house. His only daughter, about twelve years old was dying. 1) Refuse to make a covenant with death: While He was still speaking, someone from the synagogue official’s house came and said [to Jairus], “Your daughter is dead; do not inconvenience the Teacher any further.” But Jesus, hearing this, answered him, “Do not be afraid *any longer*; only believe *and* trust [in Me and have faith in My ability to do this], and she will be made well.” 2) Remove all darkness before reversing death: When He came to the house, He allowed no one to enter with Him, except Peter, John, James, and the girl’s father and mother. Now they were all weeping loudly and mourning for her; but He said, “Do not weep, for she is not dead, but is sleeping.” Then they *began* laughing scornfully at Him *and* ridiculing Him, knowing [without any doubt] that she was dead. But Jesus took hold of her hand and spoke, saying, “Child, arise!” And her spirit returned, and she got up immediately; and He ordered that she be given *something* to eat. Her parents were greatly astonished [by the miracle]; but He instructed them to tell no one what had happened,” Luke 8:49-56, (AMP).

GOD’S PARADIGM FOR HIS SUCCESSION PLAN IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

In the kingdom of God, we are empowered contributors. Initial level of participation: “Jesus replied, “Have I been with you for so long, and you have not known Me, Philip? The person who has seen Me has seen the Father! How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words [*rhema*] that I say to you, I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father residing in Me performs His miraculous deeds.” Maximum level of participation: “Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me, but if you do not believe Me, believe because of the miraculous deeds themselves. I tell you the solemn truth, the person who believes in Me will perform the miraculous deeds that I am doing, and will perform greater deeds than these, because I am going to the Father,” John 14:9-12 (NET). Only spectators persist in the kingdoms of this world.

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Thought for Transformation

Desensitize permanence. Voice-activate 1 Cor. 15: 54-57, (TLB) until it is a reality. “Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where then your victory? Where then your sting? For sin—the sting that causes death—will all be gone; and the law, which reveals our sins, will no longer be our judge. How we thank God for all of this! It is He who makes us victorious through Jesus Christ our Lord!”

Authority of Life and Death

Jesus’ command over life and death: “The Father loves Me because I lay down My life that I may have it back again. No one can kill Me without My consent—I lay down My life voluntarily. For I have the right and power to lay it down when I want to and also the right and power to take it again. For the Father has given Me this right.” John 10:17-18, (TLB). “And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, “Father, into Thy hands I commend My Spirit: and having said thus, He gave up the ghost,” Luke 23:46.

Loss Intercepted at the Gate

“Approaching the city gate, a dead man was being carried out—the only son of a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her in the funeral procession. When the Lord saw her, He felt great compassion for her, and said to her, Do not weep. He touched the bier on which the body rested, and the pallbearers stood still. And He said, Young man, I say to you, arise from death! The man who was dead sat up and began to speak. Jesus gave him back to his mother.” Live turnaround-minded.

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