

personal relationship with Father, together with Jesus, through the Spirit.

Second, invite Jesus to share with you what's on his heart, what he has planned for this resurrected life, living life according to all he's made possible, dreamed possible. Listen, grab the first thought, share it, respond to what Jesus says; his impression, thought, feeling, image, name, desire, fear.

Thirdly ask if there is anyone who would like to be prayed for. Then ask Jesus what he has to say to them and share those first thoughts, impressions, feelings, images, names, desires, colours, smells that you get. Share with the person you are praying

for without trying to explain it; after all Jesus is talking to them not you, you don't have to understand it.

Take your time; isn't it wonderful none of us have got anything else to rush off to!!!

Take your time and enjoy living this resurrection life that we now get to share with Jesus; he is RISEN! Our life with him, in him, through him has begun. You're not a slave to sin, death and the devil. In Jesus you're a child of God the Father. You're free to share life with him, discovering your true identity in him, so that your life is now able

to be a living expression of the love Father has for you.

Resurrection; the happenings of life don't determine me, Jesus does. So now, as I learn to live this new life with Jesus, I get to shape the world around me as I live out this wonderful relationship of love and affection I have in Jesus. All be it immaturely at the present; but I've begun to live out my future in Jesus.

Talk with Jesus about living this new life he has created. Talk with Jesus and invite him to reveal what might be holding you back, so you can take hold of the life he offers all the more. Let's all seek to be living this new life in Jesus to the full this week. Talk to Jesus and grab the wonderful opportunities

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**EASTER—1**

John 20:19-31



I love the word 'Resurrection'. Jesus isn't dead but he has been raised. Death doesn't have the final word. In Jesus case, his Father did, and he spoke a word of life, raising Jesus to new life.

What do you think of when you hear the word 'Resurrection'? I invite you to take some time to think about it, jot down your thoughts and discuss them with those around you.

Pause and reflect on the word 'Resurrection'.

'Resurrection' speaks to me of a healed life. If all it meant was we didn't die, that could be quit hellish. Alive forever with my regrets, fears, disappointments, hurts done to me, done by me. All those 'if-only's'; if only I'd spoken up, if

only I did take advantage of that situation, if only I'd known then what I know now, if only I'd had the courage to act, if only I'd kept my mouth shut. Wouldn't it be hellish to have all these thoughts, hurts, desires, passions and not be able to do anything about them. If only I could, but I can; I'm trapped.

Thank God 'Resurrection' speaks of so much more than simply existing.

I love hearing the words of the risen Jesus as recorded in John's life story of Jesus. The scene is one of fear; a locked room, occupied by people fearing for their lives. What a powerful image. Have you ever felt trapped by fear; hemmed in, too scared

to move, unsure of what to do, panicked.

I invite you to look it up; the Gospel of John chapter 20 verses 19 to 31. Read it out aloud and let the Holy Spirit speak to you. Jot down your thoughts, ideas, impressions. All the time inviting Jesus to be intimately present with you though the Holy Spirit.

'Jesus come into our locked minds, hearts, fears, confused future. Jesus come in and be intimately present with me, with us, right now.

I invite to pause, read aloud this portion of Jesus' story and jot down your thoughts.

Did you hear what Jesus said; "Peace be with you". I love hearing those words. Notice

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Worship Times - 9.00am & 10.45am  
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Jesus' disciples multiplying disciples

Jesus isn't just alive, he brings 'Peace'. Jesus comes bringing fullness of life, healed life, life lived with God as Father, in a relationship of love and affection, in a conversational atmosphere, where you get to live out his supernatural love quit naturally. In Jesus it is your true nature.

establish their political sovereignty. Their hopes and dreams were shaped by the past. Jesus now seeks to free them for a life shaped by their future; by their new nature in him. Jesus is inviting them to live true to him and not slaves of the past.

forced to do things differently and I'm madly trying to keep doing what we've always done. Does anyone else feel that way; trying to have a regular Sunday. Partly because I'm not sure what else to do!  
A slave will live as a slave, even when set

Resurrection speaks of so much more than merely existing forever. Thank God for that.

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## RESURRECTION

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free, if all he knows is slavery.

Thank God, in Jesus, we know a free man. We know one who shapes our

Jesus then shows them the wounds in his hands and his side. The wounds that speak of Jesus commitment to them, of his undying love for them. Jesus wounds reveal that it is him, in person, come to be with them, to lavish life on them. To set them free for life, for life as people of life.

If you've only known how to exist as a slave and have never seen let alone experienced freedom; what will you live like even once you are free? You'll repeat what you know, what you feel comfortable with, because you can't do what you don't know; we've just got no idea.

lives by his future promises; resurrection, new life, his return, his kingdom.

In John's writing; Revelation – the last book of the bible, John gives a brief image of our future. I invite you to look up Revelation 21:1-5 and read it aloud. Jot down what Jesus is saying to you about your future in him.

To this point in time the disciples have been looking at life from the past. Hoping for a new king like David to re-

The COVID-19 virus has given me a taste of this seeking to do something new but only know how to live the old. We are

Pause and read out loud the text and jot down your thoughts.

John pictures something new, where God is at home with his people. Here God wipes every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain... Jesus says; 'Look, I am making everything new!' (Rev. 21:3-5)

This is not a place to repeat old habits, learned in a world of pain. Thank God for that, we get to live differently. We get to live in Jesus'

world of hope, love, joy, peace. We get to live face to face with the one we love; Jesus, Father, Spirit. We get to live in the radiant glow of his face. Resurrection is so, so, so much more than merely existing.

I don't want to exist forever; I want to be living life to the full. I want to be live life intimately with Jesus, sharing in his joy, in his adventure of life together with him.

Thank God, in Jesus, he comes offering life, person to person with him, living loved – being loved and loving.

So Jesus repeats his greeting; "Peace be with you". And then he adds "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."

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## Jesus lives knowing, feeling, experiencing his Father's love.

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Was Jesus sent to live as a slave; a slave to fear, greed, envy, insecurity, success, desire, power and wealth?

Of course not, Jesus comes living life intimately with his Father. Jesus lives from hearing his Father's voice; that speaks of intimacy. Jesus says what he hears his Father say. Jesus lives doing what he sees his Father doing. That speaks of intimacy. An intimacy which finds living

expression in how Jesus lives. Jesus is not a slave; he is Father's loved Son, in whom he delights. Jesus lives knowing, feeling, experiencing his Father's love and affection, in a wonderful conversational relationship. What wonderful intimacy

Jesus lives with his Father.

It is the Father's voice that spoke and raised Jesus. Not because Jesus

couldn't but because Jesus knew, without a shadow of doubt he could trust his Father; so he literally leaves his life in his Father's hands. Without that there is no resurrection.

I invite you now to take time to pray; first take time to thank, to praise, to chat with Jesus about resurrection. How it moves your heart and soul that you are now learning to live as a free person, as a person who lives in an intimate