

Edward Church



ROAD TO EMMIAUS

Emmaus –the Broken Road

**WHEN JESUS WALKS INTO
YOUR DISAPPOINTMENT**

part 1

Luke 24:13–24

ROA
EMIN



A person is walking away from the camera on a dusty, unpaved road. The scene is set during sunset or sunrise, with a warm, orange and yellow sky. The person is wearing a dark jacket and a hat. The road is flanked by dry, brownish vegetation. The overall mood is somber and reflective.

THE WALK NOBODY WANTED TO TAKE
One of the most honest and heartbreaking
moments in the Resurrection Story.

- **Two disciples... walking down a Dusty Road...**
- **Not toward Jerusalem...**
 - **the Upper Room...**
 - **Revival...**
 - **BUT AWAY**

Away From...

- **Hope**
- **Expectation**
- **Everything they Believed God was Doing**

DISAPPOINTMENT

- **Another way of defining disappointment is to say that it is an undoing of an appointment.**
- **Disappointment comes as a result of the break down or the undoing of our appointed plans, hopes, dreams, goals and ambitions in life.**



They are walking toward a village "Emmaus"

Emmaus is not just a Place...

EMMAUS IS A DIRECTION

Application:

Disappointment can Redirect your Feet

Challenge:

What Direction has Disappointment Pushed You

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WORSE

when you finally

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- ALBUS DUMBLEDORE

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APPLICATION:

**Everyone has an Emmaus –
a place you run to when life breaks you**

CHALLENGE:

**What "hot spring" have you been escaping to
To NUMB YOUR PAIN**

**THE DISTANCE OF DISAPPOINTMENT
EMMAUS = SEVEN MILES FROM JERUSALEM**

**SEVEN =
completion, fullness, Divine perfection**

- **They walked the FULL MEASURE of their Disappointment**
 - **They walked the COMPLETE CYCLE of their Grief**

APPLICATION:

- **You Cannot Walk Far Enough in Disappointment for Jesus
...Not to Meet You**

CHALLENGE:

- **How Far Have You Walked?**

...EMOTIONALLY, SPIRITUALLY, MENTALLY





The Bible says:

'Jesus Himself Drew Near and Walked with Them'

- **He Didn't Wait for them to GET IT TOGETHER**

- **.... RETURN TO JERUSALEM**

- **.... PRAY THE RIGHT PRAYER**

HE WALKED INTO THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT

God is the silent partner
in ALL great enterprises.

Abraham Lincoln



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**Let Me Preach This Into Your Spirit:
YOUR INABILITY TO FEEL GOD...**

...DOES NOT EQUAL HIS ABSENCE

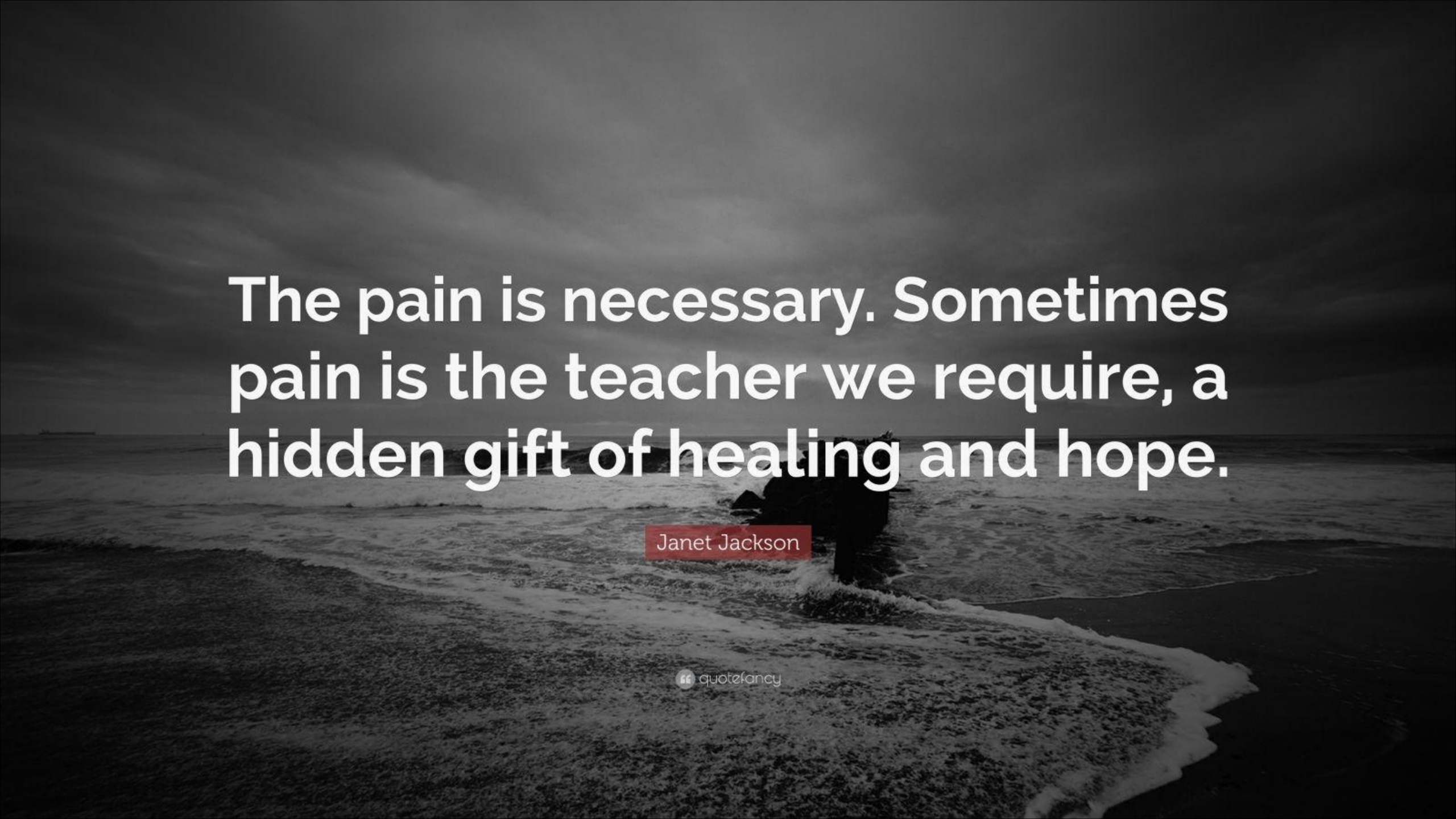


THE RESURRECTION OF
JESUS
CHANGES EVERYTHING!



APPLICATION:
When You Can't Feel God
"Even when you can't FEEL HIM"
He is STILL WALKING
He is STILL LISTENING
He is STILL NEAR

CHALLENGE:
Where Have You Assumed ...
...God Abandoned You?



**The pain is necessary. Sometimes
pain is the teacher we require, a
hidden gift of healing and hope.**

Janet Jackson

JESUS INVITES YOU TO TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT YOUR PAIN

'What are you discussing as you walk along?'

- **He already knows.**

- **But He wants them to say it.**

- **They respond with one of the saddest phrases in Scripture:**

'We had hoped...'

Greek word for hope =to expect with confidence

Janet Jackson

**Being confident
that He who began
a good work in you
will carry it on to
completion.**

Philippians 1:6

THEIR CONFIDENCE DIED

- **'We had hoped He would redeem Israel.'**
- **'We had hoped things would turn out differently.'**
 - **'We had hoped God would come through.'**
- **'We had hoped the story would end another way.'**

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WHEN HOPE DIES



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**JESUS IS NOT INTIMIDATED BY YOUR
DISAPPOINTMENT**

...HE INVITES IT

Deeper Challenge:

What dream have you buried without Hope?"



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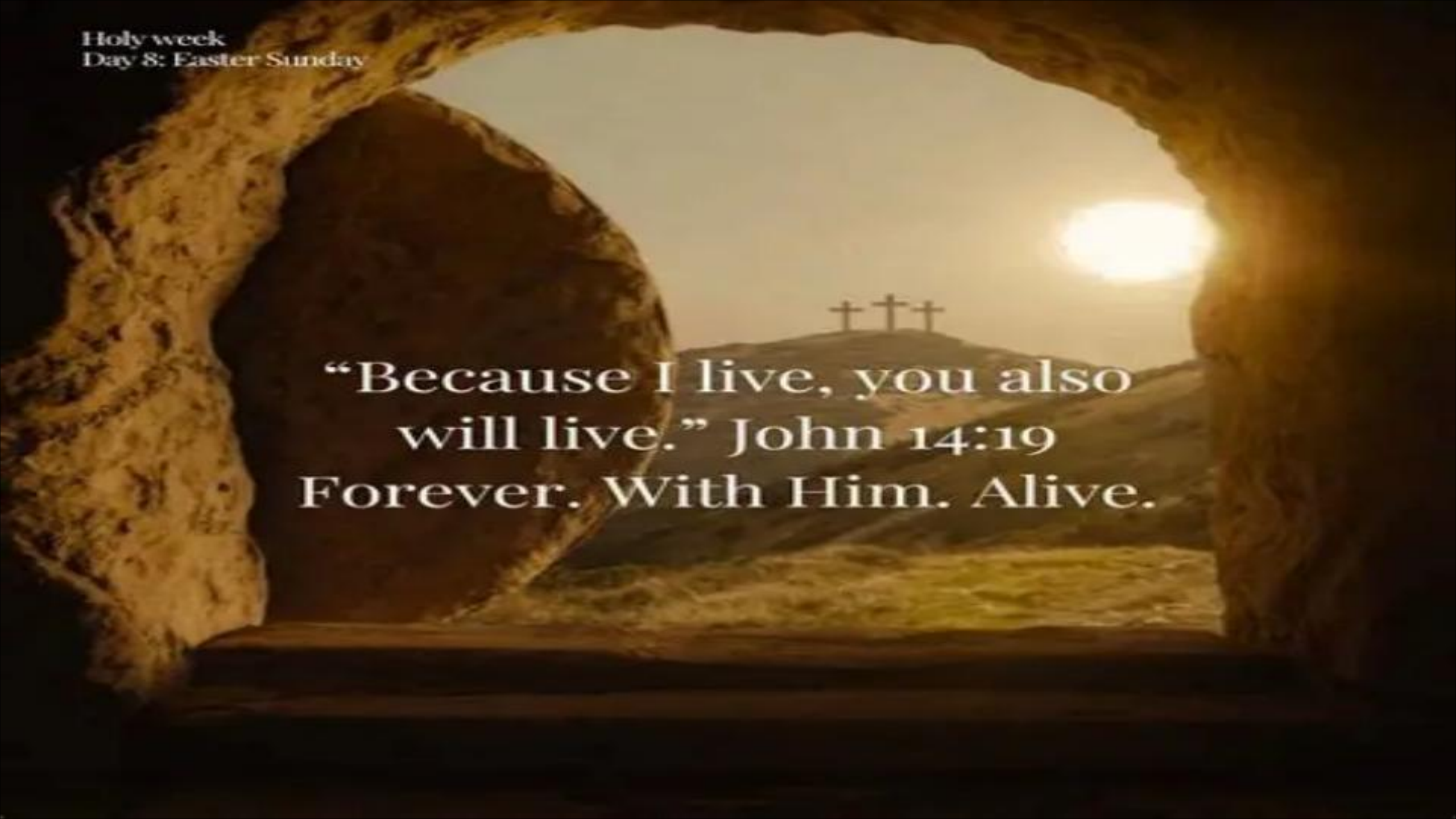
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**• Jesus is a BETTER LISTENER than we are
TALKERS."**

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Holy week
Day 8: Easter Sunday



“Because I live, you also
will live.” John 14:19
Forever. With Him. Alive.

JESUS WALKS INTO THE PLACES YOU WALK AWAY FROM

**“They walked away from Jerusalem
the place of prophecy, promise, and resurrection**

- But Jesus walked toward them**

**Disappointment Will Always Take You Farther...
...Than You Meant To Go.**

- Jesus meets you on the road you never wanted to walk**
- He meets you in the disappointment you didn't choose**
 - He meets you in the heartbreak you didn't expect.”**



Application: How To Walk With Jesus In Disappointment

Here's What This Story Teaches Us:

- **Bring Him your disappointment**
 - **Tell Him Your Truth**
 - **Stop Pretending you're Okay**
- **Let Him Walk with you in the Dark**
- **Let Him hear your 'I HAD HOPED'**

**Deeper Challenge:
What would healing require you to
confront?"**



RAISING THE DEAD

MIRACLES
OF JESUS



**ALTAR CALL —
“JESUS, WALK WITH ME IN MY
DISAPPOINTMENT”**

- **“If you’re Tired...”**
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- **If you’re Disappointed...**



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- **“If you’re Tired...**
- **If you’re Confused...**
- **If you’re Disappointed...**
- **IF YOU’VE BEEN WALKING AWAY FROM
HOPE...**
- **This Altar is for you.**
- **Come with your ‘I had hoped.’**
 - **Come with your Confusion.**
- **Come with your Disappointment.**
- **Jesus is walking Toward you.”**





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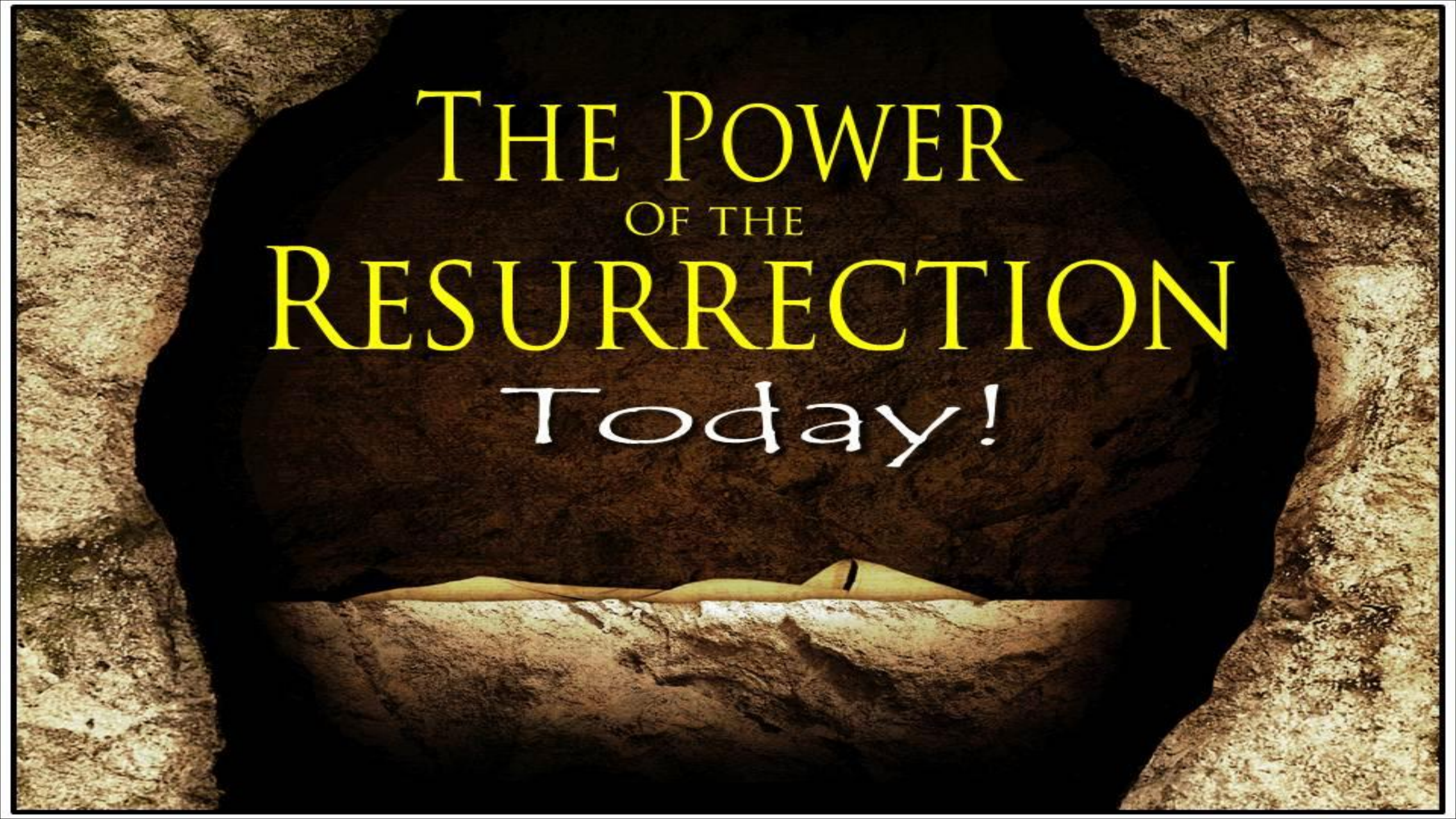
Challenge:

Which of these steps is hardest for you right now?

Deeper Challenge:

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The image depicts an open tomb. A large, dark, irregularly shaped opening is cut into a light-colored, textured rock wall. Inside the tomb, a rolled-up shroud is visible, resting on the floor. The shroud is a light, yellowish-brown color and is tightly rolled. The text is overlaid on the dark interior of the tomb. The words 'THE POWER' and 'RESURRECTION' are in a large, yellow, serif font. 'OF THE' is in a smaller, yellow, serif font. 'Today!' is in a white, serif font.

THE POWER
OF THE
RESURRECTION
Today!

**THE
RESU**

Altar Call

**“Lord, Raise What I Cannot
Raise**

Heal What I Cannot Heal

Restore What I Cannot Restore

Because You Live, I Can Live.”

- **Two elderly women were eating breakfast in a restaurant one morning.**
- **Ethel noticed something funny about Mabel's ear and she said, "Mabel, did you know you've got a suppository in your left ear?"**
- **Mabel answered, "I have? A suppository?" She pulled it out & stared at it.**
- **Then she said, "Ethel, I'm glad you saw this thing. Now I think I know where my hearing aid is."**