

Importance Of Living a Resurrection Life

Let us look to the Lord in prayer.

Dear Heavenly Father, precious and Almighty Lord, thank You for giving us this wonderful opportunity today to come around Thy table to exalt and adore Thee. We remember Thee, Lord, and remember our salvation, as well as prepare ourselves and wait upon Thee until Thy coming. Dear Lord, thank You for drawing us together that we may look upon Thy face. Lord, open our hearts, open our ears and eyes to listen to You, to see You, that, Lord, we may become what You want us to be. Prepare our hearts that the seed You are going to sow today will bring forth fruit in our lives. Lord, empty us; remove our pre-existing thoughts and knowledge. Meet us afresh that we may rejoice with You. What a joy it is, Lord, to come together as a group of saints belonging to one body. Lord, as we are rooted in the love of Jesus Christ, lead us during this time. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Introduction

We thank the Lord for the opportunity that He has given us. Well, this may or may not be the day, but the whole world is celebrating Resurrection Day and Easter. But it is a fact that we celebrate every day in our lives and when we gather with the saints every Resurrection Day or Lord's Day.

We will read three passages. First, turn with me to Romans 6:4-5.

“Therefore, we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.”

Similarly, Philippians 3:10-11.

“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.”

And the third portion is Colossians 3:1-2.

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”

When I was praying for the message, I found myself meditating on Leviticus for a long time. I had planned to go through the priesthood, and how everything worked. This Wednesday, I came to the church prayer meeting, but I arrived late. There were only a few sisters there. Somehow, my heart was not very comfortable with what I was meditating about to share.

And a few sisters started praying about the resurrection life and resurrection power when praying for the brothers and sisters in Christ. The Lord was kind of pushing me toward this resurrection life as we all prayed—resurrection life, resurrection power. The Lord was really leading me in this direction.

And I was just calmly sitting in the prayer and praying. Another person—I do not want to say whether sister or brother—also prayed the same thing.

Then when I was traveling, driving back home, the Lord was putting these thoughts in my mind. It was not planned because it was Easter, but that is the way the Lord plans, just as He planned the opening message with our brother. These three passages that we have read talk about the resurrection power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead and is available to us today to overcome sin.

Redeemed Life and Resurrection Life

We are redeemed and risen. A redeemed life focuses on forgiveness and being free from penalty and salvation through Jesus Christ. But the resurrected life, or resurrection life, or the risen life, goes further—it is more active, transformed, empowered, and is a new life in Christ that starts now and continues into eternity by victory over sin and death, which is given by the Lord Jesus Christ. I was thinking about how this life should be—how this power should be expressed.

We read many passages. In one place it says, “newness of life.” In another place it says, “knowing Christ.” And in another place, it says, “You have risen. Look at the things above.”

Although redemption, the redeemed life, and the resurrection life all go hand in hand; the first one—redemption—gives the position, the right position given by redemption, and the resurrection life provides the power to live out the position we have in the Lord. If you have just the position, but you are not using the power to live out that position in life, then you are, in some way, not able to truly know Christ.

I was looking at Romans 6:4-5, thinking about what it means. I divided it into three parts. One is resurrection, that is, newness of life. Another one is resurrection life, focusing on knowing Christ. And the third one, resurrection life—a risen life seeking the things above. The way I divided it, I may not be able to express it well but let us see how the Lord helps us to go through it.

Newness of Life

In Romans 6:4, it says that we also should walk in newness of life. That means resurrection life replaces our old life with the life of Christ. I was thinking, we are all born-again Christians. Some people are Christians from two or three generations, while others are born again now and are very active in the church. Sometimes, we lose that newness of life, that freshness. When you buy a new car, you have that freshness in the car. You behave well; you drive well.

When you wear new shoes, you feel freshness in your legs. Freshness in your legs. People can see and say, “Oh, nice shoes.” And you really rejoice in it and, kind of, you are loving it. And this is new—new college.

I do not want to say, “new spouse.” Spouse, the love of your life, whatever it is, there is freshness. I was thinking, can a church like ours also stop walking in the newness of life? Then the Lord took me to the passage in Revelation, chapter two, talking about Ephesus.

The Church at Ephesus

Commended For Works, Labor, Patience, Discernment

Revelation 2:2-6. But we will read portion by portion. Let us read first, verses two and three.

“I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.”

This is an excellent testimony that the Lord has given about Ephesus.

When you look at it, it seems like nothing is missing. If you do not read the following verses, you feel that when you read those two verses, nothing is missing. If the Lord gives the same testimony about us, we are at the top of the roof. What more could we want? The top of the roof. Carnal eyes look at these characteristics. Maybe essential things for individual life.

When I was reading it, I was thinking, man, what else do you need? You have labor, you have patience, and you are keeping away from evil people and identifying who are liars and who are not preaching. And the third verse: “And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.” Everything—every visible thing a church can do and every visible thing a human can do. In the eyes of the Lord, something of “newness” is missing in this Ephesus, from when they found the Lord.

Rebuked For Losing First Love

The assembly is still very busy. Jesus observes here, Lord Jesus Christ observes here: hard work, patience, endurance, and not tolerating evil people. Despite all the labor and patient suffering, Lord Jesus recognizes that they abandoned their first love, which is not visible at all. It says in the fourth verse: “Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.” This is not visible. This is not visible to an individual's eyes. It is not visible to the church. It is only visible to the Lord. And do you see how the Lord is looking?

If I were in Ephesus, I would think we were the best church in the world. But the eyes of the Lord are looking beyond the things that are visible.

This is not visible to anyone. But the Lord is saying, "You lost that newness. I do not find this newness of life in you."

When we take this earthly example: for any newness, you have a love towards it. He is saying, the newness of life, I am not seeing you in other terms. It is not a simple thing. Out of all these important things to be a Christian, the Lord recognizes that the most important thing is missing.

First Love: The Invisible Essential

First love refers to the fresh passion and devotion believers have for Christ. This is an individual matter. It is not measured by anything, because there is no human measure for it in the world. For example, you can see if somebody has patience, it is visible. You can see if somebody is working hard. You can see if somebody is doing the great Lord's work.

But you cannot see the love. I am not seeing the love, the first love. Not the love when we see people, we hug, and smile, and compliment them on their appearance. The special ingredient is the first love, which only God can see. And there is a reason when Jesus Christ was speaking to His disciples in John's Gospel 13:35: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

If I love one for another, it is still visible to outsiders. But when we are so deep into our duties, we forget the essence of the newness of life. Forgetting the essence of the newness of life will make you like a robot.

Nowadays robots are being built. It has a lot more patience than us. It has a lot more endurance than us. It can do a lot harder work than us. And you give it the do's and do not's and it can identify who is wrong and who is right.

Emphasis is placed on hard work and patience. Endurance is very much appreciated. But as time passed, they became motivated more by a sense of duty than by genuine love for God. It has become so much about duty they are just going through the motions, moving air because they have to.

They have tuned themselves like robots to it, but are totally missing that precise love, the newness. Because they have lost this first love, they are not able to rise up and perform the first works. You see how they are connected. All the work is being done. But still, the Lord is saying, you are not able to perform the first works.

Call To Remember, Repent, and Return to First Works

Look at the Revelation 2:5 says, "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works." They were doing the first works. If you look at Acts, chapters 18 and 19, you can read across.

But due to their first love, and losing that first love, they are not able to do the first works. The Lord is asking them to repent. This is considered a sin, a terrible sin in the eyes of the Lord. That is the reason He is saying, "Or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of this place, except thou repent."

Sometimes we do the things that the entire Ephesus assembly is doing, and we never even consider that losing your first love is the greatest sin.

I do not know how that can be measured. But you all know I can check into my heart. Do you have the love that I got from God, from the Lord, that I received from Him? Am I able to express it outwardly? The problem is, there is no reflection in our lives because love needs to be reflected outward. Because of that, the works are stopped.

We do not have dos and do nots in this. But it is time to examine ourselves individually as we again form the group of blood-bought believers in the church. Is that the resurrection? As we are raised with the Lord, do we have that newness of life?

The Lord's Remembrance of First Love

The simple love that the Lord talks about for Israel in Jeremiah 2: 1-2.

"Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the Lord; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown." The Lord is remembering this kind of love.

They went with the Lord in the wilderness, somehow, even though they had not seen that land. I do not know how the Lord is expecting this kind of love from them. But for us, He paid it all. This is the kind of gentle love and devotion the Lord is expecting. And here the Lord is asking the Ephesus assembly to repent; remember and repent.

Examine Personal and Corporate Love for Christ

The Lord is not speaking of a love which you have not experienced. And the Lord is not asking about love which He has not experienced from all of you, from all of us. The Lord is asking us to remember the love that we have already experienced within ourselves.

Sometimes I have a question. Whenever I experienced love or was just feeling redeemed and happy, I would say, "I am saved. I am saved." In our churches, they used to ask, "Are you born again?" Then I would say yes, just for the sake of it, because that is a joy. "Yes, I am born again."

The Lord is calling us into this love. If we have not yet experienced this, or if we have experienced this love but are not able to reflect it, it is encouraging to consider that this is part of the resurrected life, the newness of life.

When it says remember and repent, it is not just feeling sorrow or saying, "Oh my God, where is my love?" It is about setting a new direction. I have been risen; my direction should be new.

But emotions can suddenly become dangerous. We start thinking, "Oh, I did not show love to that person, or to this person." It is not about being emotional; it is about your life taking a different direction based on what you have experienced from the Lord.

The newness of life should transition into a depth that makes the first love even stronger. When you are married, you love a person. When you grow old, the depth is different. The depth is different and it becomes even stronger, something no one can understand until they have lived it.

You see many, many, many, many relationships—let it be any relationship. The husband-wife relationship is the best relationship according to the Bible. They are not able to go into that depth. That is the reason we are not able to become strong. The same with the Lord.

We have become so duty oriented. The Lord says, “No, no, no, no, you have risen.” If it were about duty, then I would have given you do's and do not's. I am expecting this depth of love to grow stronger and stronger, that He will become a stronger and stronger image in us. If not, we are redeemed, we are walking in one direction, and the Lord is trying to form His love in us.

Any relationship or any beginning, love is the essence of it. Without receiving and expressing the Lord's love, we are not able to do the Lord's work as we should. The Lord was happy to give testimony about Ephesus; about everything an assembly can do.

Sometimes, we are like the assembly at Ephesus. I am not saying we do not have love. I hope we also have love, and we have everything. It is up to the individual. Because it is not just when I am speaking; it is to me: do I have that first love for the Lord? I was meditating and saying, “Lord, do I have it, or am I doing this because I have been saved and I need to do all the things that you listed for Ephesus?”

Knowing Christ and the Power of His Resurrection

Coming to the second point, which is the reason resurrection life is about focusing on Christ in Philippians 3:9. Because once you start loving the Lord with that first love, then you focus.

I told you, when you wear new shoes, you love shoes; you focus on the shoes, you walk a different way. When I wear new shoes, I try to walk straight; otherwise, I walk carelessly. It is like that. When you love the Lord with your first love, your focus is on the Lord. Then you can understand the resurrection power.

Paul's Example: Counting All Personal Achievements as Loss

Many times, we pray, “Lord, I want to see the resurrection power. Lord, I want to understand the resurrection power.” Let us see what Paul was trying to say. When Paul made these statements, what were his previous actions? What did he do? Turn with me to Philippians 3:7-10.

“But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but

that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death, if by any means I may attain to the resurrection of the dead.”

I was thinking about the tenth verse: “That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection.” Before that, the seventh verse and the verses after it led up to the statement Paul gives in the tenth verse.

I have written here, “Obviously, we all know Paul is not talking about head knowledge about Christ but is insisting on having no confidence in the flesh.” The power of Jesus Christ is having no confidence in the flesh; knowing the Lord and knowing the power of His resurrection is having no confidence in the flesh. He says likewise. We all want to say, like in Galatians 2:20, “yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.” We, being children of the Lord, are not able to live by the word “I.”

In fact, we bring all the best qualities of “I” and try to satisfy the Lord. Have you observed that? We hide the bad qualities of “I,” bring the best qualities of “I,” and want to serve the Lord.

This is the way the world has taught us. You go to school, and you bring all the best qualities of “I” because you want to excel. You go into office culture, and you need to bring all the best qualities of “I,” of yourself, so that you can be recognized.

We are so habituated, we come into the presence of the Lord, we come to the people of the Lord, or come to serve the Lord with the same “I”. In the seventh verse, when Paul says, “But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.” Paul had a great résumé. Who has a résumé as impressive as Paul’s? Achievements and education.

But after meeting Him, after knowing the Christ and after walking with Christ, he recognized that these achievements were the things that kept him away from Christ. See that all his knowledge, all his achievements, all his capabilities, it was really these that kept him away from Christ.

Have you realized that, overall, all that we have, that “I” will try to keep you away from Christ? That is the reason he counts it as loss. It is not like the Indian way of loss, where you are searching, going to the Himalayas and trying to find the truth; and then come back from the Himalayas and feel proud that you have all the power of God. It is not like that. He identified everything on his résumé. What I have is the same thing that is keeping me away from Christ. In that way, in that direction, he is trying to know Christ because if he comes in through his résumé direction, he can never know what Christ is and the power of His resurrection.

True Knowledge of Christ

Knowing Christ is not just leaving the bad things. When I was a kid, I thought knowing Christ was just leaving bad habits. That is true, but it is not just leaving the bad things. It says knowing Christ is not just leaving the bad things, but it is good to leave the bad things.

But knowing Christ is better than all the good things that the world has to offer, like security, reputation, power, satisfaction, and comfort. It is so tough to live without security, reputation, power, satisfaction, and comfort. It speaks to me—understanding that what the Lord offers is more than all these things. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, unknowingly we run after the very things which we need to leave for Christ.

Running after the same things will not take us in the direction of knowing Christ and experiencing the resurrection power of Christ. We just need to change our direction. For a long time, we have been told that your satisfaction is important, your reputation is important, your power is important, your comfort is important.

When I see how the missionaries went to countries like India and elsewhere, I am surprised. We talk about them now, their reputations. But their lives were not about reputation life. That is the reason they could tap into the resurrection power. It can go to such an extent that the church spends more time learning about Jesus rather than spending time with Christ.

You can go to such an extent. The enemy is very, very smart. Sometimes I feel if I go read some words for a couple of hours or read a book, I am so satisfied because I feel like I have learned something good. But spending time with Christ is letting go of all these things. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, today we find our relationships—family relationships, church relationships, the church's functionality, and church division. The cause of them is that they say we are not satisfied.

Some people find that in relationships, whether it be church or family, they do not have enough power, or comfort, or security. Paul, when he speaks in Philippians 3:7-8, that is the reason he says, “But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ,” because he knows that these things are stopping him from going forward to know Christ. These things will keep you busy knowing about yourself.

I like it when people write biographies. I am happy people write biographies. Generally, people write biographies of others, not themselves. But we write our own biography within ourselves. What am I like? Once I was reading about the way we have a vague imagination about ourselves. How comfortable, how secure we are.

This is what is destroying the work of Christ individually and in the assembly. With all this kind of security, reputation, power, satisfaction, or résumé that you are living on, you cannot know the power of Christ. It has to be all about the resurrection power of Christ. In many places in the secular world, you are given a position because you can speak well or do a job well.

The same thing has continued; the world has continued in the church also. It is a good thing to identify that this brother has a talent. I am not saying otherwise, but that has been exactly replicated in the church. That is the reason the church is not performing; as if knowing Christ is performing well from the point of view of human life.

Even personal ambition to pursue ministry or a deeper spiritual life falls into this category, because everything is becoming personal. It is not about the power of the Lord. It is about what I did, what I cannot do.

Change Direction from Self to Christ

It is tough because you need to change direction. The more you live, you are actually going in the direction of “I.” But the Lord is saying, come in the direction of Me. Only then can you know Me with the power of resurrection. That is how we can move on—by moving in that direction.

If there is no power of resurrection, if the Lord has redeemed us, then maybe He has redeemed us. Then we need to have our own personal strength and personal ambition to pursue the ministry deeper, to seek deeper spiritual knowledge of the Lord. But there is a resurrection. You have risen with the Lord. The direction needs to change.

It is tough. It is tough. That is the reason. It is not that you carry the direction from the secular world to the church. We need to learn that we need to reverse the direction—from the church to the secular world. Only then can we know Christ and share Christ.

The world is giving much knowledge about the Antichrist. All knowledge that is other than Christ is Antichrist. Somehow, we are not able to, as a church, give the knowledge of Christ and the resurrection power of Christ to those outside. This is because we ourselves are moving in the wrong direction.

I am not saying all, I am not saying all the time, but a few times, like Ephesus—they fell; they lost their first love.

I was thinking, you need to have that first love. With that first love, you set a direction toward Christ, forgetting about your own résumé. Then you can know Christ. Then you can understand the resurrection power of Christ.

Just praying, “Lord, I want to see the resurrection power of Christ. Lord, I want this brother to understand the resurrection power of Christ.” It does not help. You need to pray. But Lord, this life needs to be lived, not just prayed. It should be lived. That is the reason life is given—to be lived, not to just stop and withdraw. If you are not living in this direction, then we are not fully using the power of resurrection.

I said this is called overcoming power. That is the reason God asks this of all assemblies: overcomers, overcomers, overcomers.

The Risen Life in Action

The third one I was looking for is Colossians, chapter three, which we read as “The Risen Life.” The risen life is described in the third chapter of Colossians. Now, action: the first one is having the first love; the second one is setting a direction from yourself towards Christ.

Seeking Things Above and Set Affections on Christ

The third one is action. It says in the Colossians 3:1, “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.” Now God is calling for action.

When I was reading this chapter, it has do's and do not's. I was thinking, we are born again believers. We do not go the legalistic way; we do not focus on the do's and do not's. But the Holy Spirit has a purpose. If the Holy Spirit were not interested in do's and do not's, because it is expecting some actions to come, it would not return to these do's and do not's. I am not saying we need to read do's and do not's, but it is important to check.

We have become so focused on living a Spirit-filled life. We are thinking what we feel is what the Spirit is telling us because that is where the enemy is deceiving us. Now, if you go to many charismatic meetings and such, what people think is that it is coming from the Spirit of the Lord.

Deliberate Action: “Put Off” the Old Man; “Put On” the New Man

Here, although it gives do's and do not's—like it talks about the sins of the flesh and suffering in the fourth and fifth verses, and also the sins of speech and relationships in the eighth and ninth verses - my eyes were caught by the ninth and the tenth verses. “Put off the old man and put on the new man.” See that? Put off the old man. This is the kind of action expected from people who have risen with the Lord.

We know that when you go to the office, how you dress, how you walk, and how you talk matter. When you come to church, we do it - we know what to put off, what to take off, and what to put on. Clearly it says in Colossians 3:9, “Ye have put off the old man with his deeds.” And in the tenth verse, it says, “And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.” There is a deliberate statement given here.

The phrase calls for a deliberate break from past behaviors and attitudes that are inconsistent with the life of Christ. It is not like we drift into holiness. There are chances we drift into unholiness, but we do not drift into holiness. Has anyone ever accidentally drifted into holiness? No. We do not drift into holiness. We choose to. We choose to pursue it. We do not drift into holiness.

We choose to put off the sin clothing, which we can actually do by the grace of the Lord. This putting off and putting on is very important to the Christian life. Putting off the old man and putting on the new man refers to a positional change which has already been achieved in Christ.

Positional Change Reflects in Daily Living

You have position. It is like this: you are not trying to put on something that you become good, but your position has already changed to being good. That is the reason you are putting on this change.

This is not illegal to do salvation. But now we are saying, hey, my position is—I got selected for a football team. I have to put on my uniform when I am going to the match. And we are at the eternal match.

It is not: we are in a match, when we come to Sunday, we put on Christ and then take Him off. Sometimes, in my early Christian life, my wife used to say, “You are so spiritual on Sunday, but slowly, it decreases from Monday to Saturday.” That is a fact. We laugh, but it is a fact. The power of it is because we did not change our day; we did not put it off.

We come, we take it, and we go. We pray after the message. Somehow, we are not growing because we are not taking deliberate actions every day. It is becoming weaker and weaker. That is the reason it says: the resurrection life needs to align. The day-to-day life, and the daily life should align with the risen life. It sounds complicated to me when I read it. I do not know whether these do's and do not's we read can really help. I feel like this: this is not the Ten Commandments, but it is such a great thing the Lord has given for weaker people like us.

From verse eight, it talks about children. From verse eighteen it talks about wives and husbands, whatever we can put it on, we can put it on. If your day-to-day life is not reflecting putting on Christ, then actually we are not living that victorious life. We are not living an action-based life. We have excellent knowledge, but the action is lacking. The Lord may be thinking, what else should I give to them?

I have given them resurrection power, but they are willfully not putting on the new man. In their day-to-day life, they are not ready to live the resurrection life. Resurrection power is not like a magic thing where you pray, pray, pray, and suddenly the Lord gives you a light saying, “the resurrection power.” It is a deliberate choice to put on the new man.

When I read these verses, I hate to say it like this—do's and do not's. But when the Spirit of the Lord is talking about putting on and putting off, putting off, and putting on, it gives a list, so clearly gives a list. I am not saying we need to follow the rules, but it will help you see which part of your life you are not putting on Christ.

Conclusion

We are such great Christians, but in some areas of our marriage life, children's lives, or office life, we act as if we have not put on Christ. Because the “I” -our own résumé - pops up, saying, “I am successful, or “I am not satisfied,” or whatever, that is destroying the lives of the church. When I say the church, it attacks first the individual, then the family, then the church. It also has a process. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, today the Lord has brought these things to our attention.

The risen life is a life of deliberate action. It is not magic, where somebody holds on, gives you power, and then you start walking with that power. That is not the Christian life. The Christian life is deliberate action. That is the reason when Paul was writing these things, he was counting everything as loss.

He knows it, he left himself. Actually, if Paul wanted, he could have used this power and tried to convince the people with his own earthly résumé and could have made people follow Christ easily—at least a few people. But Paul chose not to go in that direction. Likewise, Paul chose that in every aspect of his life.

Today, the Lord is encouraging all of us to deliberately choose to live a risen life—in your individual life, in your family life, and in your church life. May the Lord bless this word.

Dear Lord, we look to Thy throne, thanking You for the risen life. Lord, we always want to know Jesus Christ, we want to know the power of the resurrection. But Lord, everything has been given to us. Yet, Lord, we are deliberately living our own selfish lives. Lord, we are so busy doing the things that need to be done in the Christian life, but we have forgotten our first love. And Lord, because of which we are not able to do the first works. As the Word says, remember and repent. Lord, remind us from where we have fallen that we will repent—not just emotionally, but set a new direction. Help us, Lord, to know that our own self, our own capabilities, our own satisfaction, power, and recognition are the things which are keeping us away from Christ. Lord, sometimes we think that all these things are given by You, and we try to use these things to convince You and work in Your presence. Lord, help us to set the direction. The direction should not be towards us, but the direction should be towards You. Losing all that we have, what we think is great—the greatest things of the world fall short compared to what You have prepared for us. Lord, help us to deliberately put off the old man and put on the new man. Lord, we cannot do this by ourselves. But Lord, thank You that with the overcoming power, with the resurrection power, we can do it. Lead us, Lord, to walk the risen life in our day-to-day lives. It is not only when we come to church, but also not only when we read the Word, it is not only when we read somebody's autobiography. But Lord, let this putting on of the new man be a continuous thing in our lives—an everyday choice whether to put on the new man or not. In every context of our lives, in every action of our lives, Lord, teaches us that we are unwise, unworthy people, that we may continuously walk in the power of resurrection. Once again, we give You all glory and honor. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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