



**A SERMON SERIES BASED ON FIRST PETER**

## **SCARS ARE JUST TATTOOS WITH BETTER STORIES**

***SERMON NOTES FOR APRIL 19, 2020***

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 1:3-9

- 1. We are a people who live out the meaning of the Resurrection , perhaps especially in difficult times.**
- 2. Because Jesus had defeated our deaths and sinful failings, we are invited to live a new kind of life:**
  - A. One that is dynamic and impactful in the here and now.**
  - B. One that recognizes the brokenness of the world but focus on the perfect future that awaits.**
  - C. One that is empowered by the power and constant presence of God.**

# **Sermon Notes and Daily Devotionals**

for

**April 19-25**

### **Monday, April 20 Read Psalm 16**

Given this time of quarantine the phrase 'boundary lines (v.6)' might have particular meaning for us. God sets parameters on our lives to keep us safe, maintain good relations with others and keep us focused on God's plans and purposes. Reflect on the ways God is looking after you know and what part you may be called upon to play in His larger Kingdom plans. \_\_\_\_\_

How can we find possibilities instead of fears? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Tuesday, April 21 Read Isaiah 25:6-9**

When we are in hard times, it is all too easy to feel like they will never end and then despair and fear, rather than hope and possibility, color how we approach life.

Speaking God's promises, how does Isaiah address that tendency? \_\_\_\_\_

In the midst of our current crises where do you see God's hope at work? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

How can you share it with others? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Wednesday, April 22 Read John 20:19-31**

While none of us has seen Jesus in the flesh, reflect today on some of the ways you do see and come to know



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Jesus. List a few of them and say a prayer of thanks. \_\_\_\_\_

Notice how Jesus confers authority upon the disciples in the same way God gives life to humanity (Genesis 2:7). What does it mean for disciples to be given the power to forgive or retain sins? \_\_\_\_\_

How does that power play out in our daily interactions? \_\_\_\_\_

Discuss this with God in prayer today.

### **Thursday, April 23 Read 1 Peter 1:3-9**

Carefully re-read vv.3-5 as a note from God to you personally (replace “us” with “me” as you read). How have you personally been given a “new birth into a living hope?” \_\_\_\_\_

Think of some specific ways you might explain this to a non-believer. What does this new life look like in your day to day living and what are some ways you can grow to an even stronger faith in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Friday, April 24 Read Acts 2:14a; 22-32**

The resurrection of Jesus, not simply his teachings, is what is central to Peter’s message. If Jesus is not the Messiah, the fulfillment of God’s plan and the conqueror of death, how would that impact why and how we follow him? \_\_\_\_\_

How does Christ’s divine mission and identity give us hope and confidence in challenging times? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Saturday, April 25 Read 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8**

If we are to see this time as an opportunity for God to do new and wonderful things, what “old yeast” must we clean out? \_\_\_\_\_

Be as specific as possible, particularly with the things that need to be changed in you personally. Lift these to God in prayer today and be sure to ask how He wants you to accomplish this.