

appnotes

DAY **READ ACTS 4:1-22**

1

What difference does Easter make in your life? Jesus' followers fled in fear when he was arrested (Mark 14:50). Peter even denied knowing him. But that was before one important event: the resurrection. This event transformed a cowardly bunch of followers into fearless champions for Christ. Just a few weeks after the resurrection, the very same men who fled stood before the High Priest that had condemned Christ. When they were ordered to stop preaching in the name of Christ, they boldly replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to Him?" Christianity is so much more than just another religion. It is the living union of the believer with the One who died and was resurrected and Who now lives in us and through us. What a difference the resurrection makes!

DAY **READ MARK 6:30-46**

2

Are you suffocating? The pace of life can leave us breathless. In our reading, Jesus instructed his followers to find the time to be quiet and to rest. It's easy to get so wrapped up in doing the right things that we will eventually wear ourselves out. Then, we're no good to anybody! Jesus saw that the crowd following Him needed to eat. He knew his disciples could not supply the meal, so He used the opportunity to show them that their ministry had to be in His power. There is nothing wrong with taking on responsibility, but when we do it in our power, we are destined to crash and burn. Make sure you stop for a little while each day to connect with God, and you'll be able to breathe again!

DAY **READ LUKE 12:4-5**

3

Have you ever been frightened at night only to find out that what freaked you out was nothing in the light of day? Fear is a powerful thing. It keeps us from doing what we ought to do, and often makes us do what we should not do. Jesus warned his disciples about fearing men. His message was simple. We should not fear men because they only have limited control and only during this life. If we are going to fear anyone, it should be God. He is the One who controls our eternity. When we truly grasp this simple truth, it allows us to live lives that are free from the fear that keeps us from serving the Lord. Psalm 56:4 says, "In God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

DAY READ MATTHEW 21:28-32

4

Have you ever heard the saying, “The road to hell is paved with good intentions”? That saying perfectly sums up the message of our parable. The sons in the story represented two groups, the religious and the non-religious. One group pretended to love God, and the other group made no such pretense. But a funny thing happened. When the non-religious sinners met Christ, they repented. They KNEW they were guilty. When the religious group met Christ, they did not repent. They thought a show of obedience was sufficient. Which group are you in? Are you like the son who said, “I will” and then did not? Or, are you like the son who said, “I will not” and changed his mind? Repentance is the willingness to change the direction of your life. Repentance is an action, not an intention.

DAY READ PROVERBS 29:25

5

Everyone’s got an opinion! There’s nothing wrong with seeking the opinions of others, as long as you understand that people can sometimes give you some really bad advice. Have you noticed that, we are naturally wired to seek the approval of others? Going against the crowd is difficult, but it may be exactly what God wants you to do. Jesus said, “Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you!” When we give the opinions of others too much weight it’s like trying to sail with hundreds of anchors weighing the boat down. No matter how much wind is in our sails, we are not going anywhere until we release the anchors. Whose opinion is weighing you down today? God’s opinion is the one that matters most. Set sail!

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