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Pastor's Corner

We Live In the Power of the Living Christ
Romans 8:11

Hebrews 11:7 says, "By faith, Noah being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an Ark for the salvation of his household."

When we enter into the Ark of the Living Christ there is a faith that becomes alive within each of us. It is in knowing that Jesus is alive and acting on our behalf that gives us the confidence to trust in the power of God.

It is the Ark that Noah is remembered for. It is the shelter that Noah provided for his family under the direction of God. It is his believing and following the directives of God that led to the deliverance of his family when the flood ravaged the world.

It is because we live in the Ark of the Living Jesus Christ that gives us the ability to trust in the promises of Jesus Christ. It is our living in the power and might of the Living Christ that will give us the courage to trust in the Living Christ that we can press forward in spite of the circumstances that are in front of us.

As we move forward into the Lenten Season, it is the memory of Jesus that we should keep in mind. We should remember what Jesus has done for us. However, what we should remember most is that Jesus died and rose from the dead to redeem us. It is this resurrection power, this redemptive power, the Ark that Jesus erected for us on the cross that shelters us. It is because He lives that the cross and our salvation has any validity.

As I read the Gospel with new vision and a sense of clarity, it makes sense that multitudes would follow Jesus. They followed Him because Jesus was alive performing miracles: healing the sick, and exorcising demons and the possessed. It makes sense why the power brokers would be threatened by Him. It was because He was alive and they had to come to grips with the reality of His presence.

Maybe some of the reason that people have lost their faith in Jesus is because we do not present Jesus as the Living Christ to them. This Jesus that we preach and talk about is as though He has no power and does not live today in the now - in the now of our problems and conflicts. When we declare Jesus as the Living Christ, we announce His presence in the here and now. We declare Him as living in our lives in the here and now. We declare that Jesus is the powerful Son of God who conquered death and lives as Lord of all. It is difficult if not impossible to see Jesus as powerful, as Lord if we do not see Him as the Living Christ, the Living Son of God. It is because Jesus is alive that we can embrace the truth that we have been saved, redeemed, bought with Him as our ransom, and are now free from the guilt of past wrongs.

Blessings to each of you,

Pastor Gool