



DGM Message Title: The Successful Servant

Theme: I'm Passing Through

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Message Summary: Having a strong belief in Jesus will help you pass through hard times. You have to be consistent with your faith and keep it high even when you have doubt. The power of Jesus resurrection will help you pass through.

Scripture References (NKJV):

- John 20:1-2
- Mark 16:1-3
- John 20:6
- John 20:8
- John 19:39-40
- John 11:44

Key Points:

- John 20:1
 - The Jewish did not have names of the week
 - Sunday back then is like our current Monday
 - The bible introduces Mary Magdalene
 - Women worked very hard in those times
 - They measured beauty by their biceps
 - Women had a strength about them
 - Motivation may get you started, but it takes character to get you to the finish line
 - Mary went to the tomb early while it was still dark and despite her disappoint in the death of Jesus
 - She put Jesus first
 - Keep God first and you will last
 - Mary was hurting, but she kept it moving
 - You don't drown by falling in the water, you only drown by staying there
 - She saw the stone had been taking away
 - She only saw because she didn't quit
 - We're not defeated when we don't understand, we're defeated when we quit
- Mark 16:1
 - There were 2 other ladies with Mary
 - Their goal was to anoint him and finish the goal they had on Friday before Jesus died
 - They were finishers
 - It is important to finish things that you start

- Mark 16:2
 - A proper burial was important in the ancient world
 - They said “Who will roll away the stone”?
 - They faced four major hurdles
 1. The tomb was guarded
 2. Moving a stone with a Roman seal was illegal
 3. The stone was too heavy
 4. The body would have smelled. There was no circulation in the tomb.
- Mark 16:3
 - They were confused about who rolled away the tomb
 - These women didn’t take no for an answer.
 - Our limits exist mostly in our minds
- John 20:1
 - God did not move the stone for Jesus to get out; God moved the stone for us to see in.
- John:20:2
 - A woman ran
 - She may have not understood everything going on, but she didn’t harden her heart
 - She had fire in her heart
 - I’d rather fail with passion, than live a life of boredom
 - The ladies were not easily mesmerized
 - They were unusual and powerful
 - They heard him speak and breath his last breath
 - Only Jesus himself can make them believe it was him
 - They were familiar with death
 - They had no doubt that Jesus was dead
 - They told Peter and John
 - They ran together
 - If you want to run fast, run alone, if you want to run far, run together.
-African Proverb
 - They were in competition
 - Just because, you are a little behind, doesn’t mean you’re never going to get there
 - John got there first
 - Life is so much easier when you have a friend by your side
- John 20:6
 - Whatever stopped John did not stop peter
 - They saw the linen clothes laying there
- John 19:39-40
 - 100 pounds of Myrrh and Aloe is roughly 25 gallons of perfume
 - they took cloth and dipped it and wrapped it around Jesus body
 - overnight the liquid starts to dry
 - they saw the wrapping and it was the shape of a body but no body
 - How can extract the body without ruining the wrapping?
 - When Jesus rose from the grave, there was no panic
 - Things happened just as He said

- John 20:8
 - The other disciple saw and believed
 - All the disciples witnessed Lazarus' death and resurrection, but he died again
 - The resurrection of Jesus is Eternal
 - We often think of Lazarus when we think of resurrection
 - Jesus often said believe unto you, according to your faith
 - Start believing at a Jesus level instead of Lazarus level
- John 11:44
 - Lazarus came out of the grave and Jesus said loose him
 - When Jesus rose, nobody had to loosen Him
 - He passed through everything that had Him bound
 - The power of Jesus resurrection helps you pass right through
 - It's time to pass through