

SERMON NOTES

HOW TO
CONNECT WITH
GOD

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“Connecting with God gives you a revelation of Jesus’ power and resurrection.”

I Peter 2:21 (MSG)

²¹ This is the kind of life you’ve been invited into, the kind of life Christ lived. He suffered everything that came his way so you would know that it could be done, and also know how to do it, step-by-step.

- Easter is Jesus paying for our sin and giving us power for now and a place for the future.
- There is no relationship with God without the cross.
- Because of the cross, we all have an invitation to know and accept Jesus Christ.
- Christ suffered everything so we would know what to do when difficulty comes our way.
- Victory, joy and breakthrough came on Sunday - Resurrection Day.

Hebrew 2:18 (AMP)

¹⁸ Because He Himself [in His humanity] has suffered in being tempted, He is able to help *and* provide immediate assistance to those who are being tempted *and* exposed to suffering.

How To Get Through The Worst Days Of Your Life:

1. Reach out to Jesus for a personal relationship with Him –

- Jesus gave us an invitation, it our responsibility to accept Him.
- Jesus is able to resurrect what you are believing for.
- Being “eternity-minded” and having a “long-term” view comes through having a relationship with Jesus.
- What God tells you on the mountain top will get you through the valleys.

John 11:25 (NKJV)

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live.

2. Rely on Jesus’ power –

Philippians 3:10 (KJV)

¹⁰ That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.

Ephesians 1:17 (MSG)

¹⁷ That's why, when I heard of the solid trust you have in the Master Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the followers of Jesus, I couldn't stop thanking God for you—every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks. But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!

3. Remember God's promises –

Isaiah 43:1 - 4 (MSG)

¹⁻⁴ But now, GOD's Message, the God who made you in the first place, Jacob, the One who got you started, Israel: "Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name. You're mine. When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you. When you're in rough waters, you will not go down. When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end — Because I am GOD, your personal God, The Holy of Israel, your Savior. I paid a huge price for you: all of Egypt, with rich Cush and Seba thrown in! *That's how much you mean to me!* *That's* how much I love you! I'd sell off the whole world to get you back, trade the creation just for you.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are the benefits of reaching out to Jesus, relying on Jesus' power and remembering God's promises? How do these benefits impact your life?
2. How does connecting with God help you grow in your relationship with Him?

Resources:

If you would like to look at “**How To Connect With God**” sermon series in more depth, Church On The Rock bookstore has excellent resources available.

