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“Cast all your cares upon Him; for He cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:7)

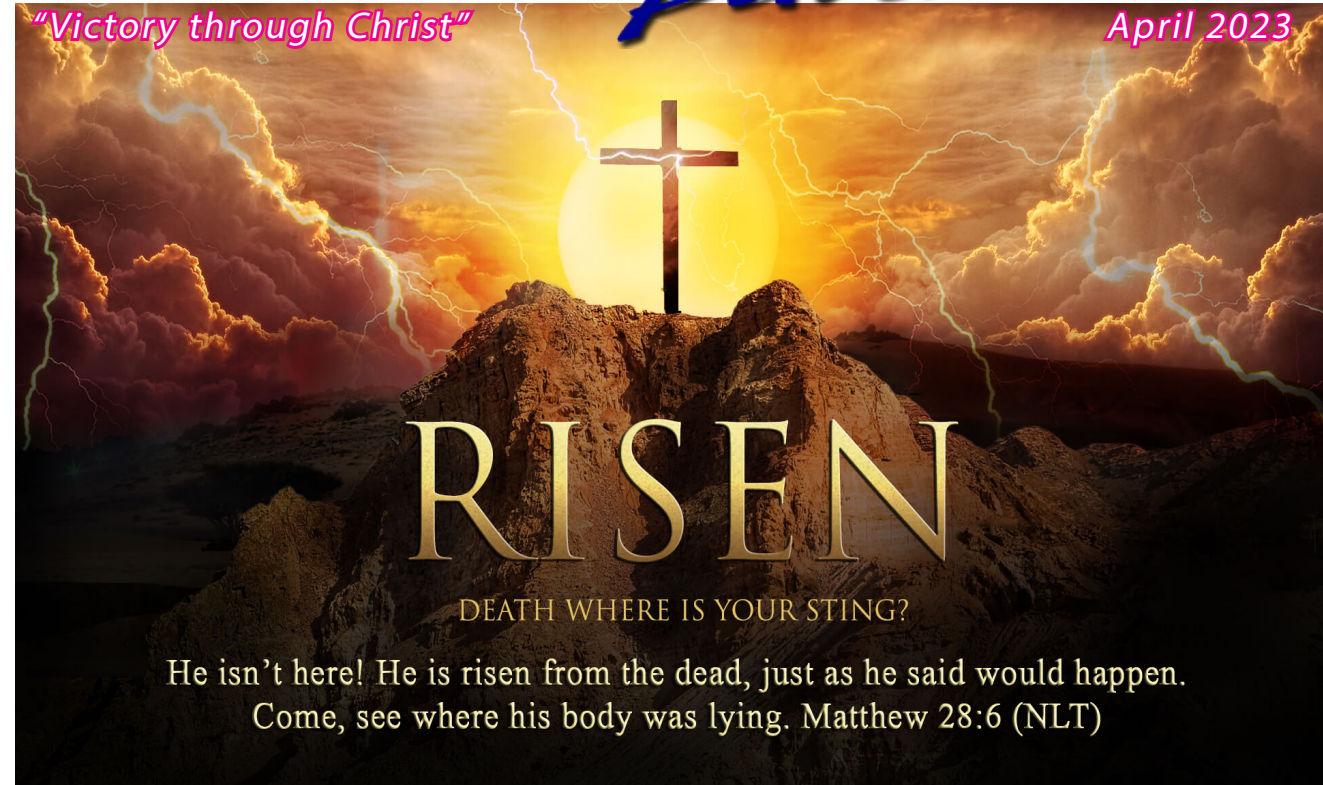
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RISEN

DEATH WHERE IS YOUR STING?

He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen.
Come, see where his body was lying. Matthew 28:6 (NLT)

“CULTIVATING THE RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS”

Happy Easter! He is Risen! Thank you so much for your prayers and support for Open Door Ministries. It's hard to believe it's April. I would like to continue explaining the five principles that we teach the men at Open Door, which I believe can be a bless to you also. *(Continued Inside)*

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David's Desk



Here they are:

- Live by the Scriptures
- Praise God Always
- Protect Your Thoughts
- Cultivate the Right Relationships
- Submit to Authority

I will pick up where we left off with "Cultivating the Right Relationships." It is very

important as we start out on our spiritual journey that we incorporate in our lives right relationships. Now what do I mean by that? God's Word gives us guidance on what healthy relationships should look like. So, let's take a look at the Biblical keys to right relationships.

1. LOVE: We are called to love others just as God has loved us.

John 13:34-35, Now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

2. HUMILITY: Don't treat people in a condescending manner and be willing to admit when you're wrong.

1 Peter 5:5, In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

3. SERVICE: Jesus didn't demand that others serve Him. Rather, He dedicated Himself to serving others. **Mark 10:45, For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.**

4. PATIENCE: Our patience with one another is rooted in God's patience with us.

Psalms 103:8, The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

5. ACCEPTANCE: We accept one another just as God has accepted us in Christ.

Ephesians 1:6, So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.

6. AFFECTION: Jesus didn't simply say that He loved

people. He took action to demonstrate His love. **Romans 12:10, Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.**
7. FORGIVENESS: If we've received forgiveness from God, we should extend forgiveness to others. Check out the Parable of the Unforgiving Debtor in **Matthew 18:21-55.**

What is one key area that you can work on today?

All Scripture quotes from the (NLT Bible). NOTE: The Seven Keys are from Dr. Adrian Rogers and Love Worth Finding

May God bless you and your family!

Pastor David Chestnutt - ODM Executive Director

True Forgiveness



My name is Dustin Allen. I am a Logistics Coordinator from Smithfield, NC. I was born in Raleigh, NC in 1992 and raised in Rosewood, NC. I was raised in a good environment by my Mom, Dad, Step-Dad, and Step-Mom. There were family issues, but I was always loved and cared for. I played baseball and football in high school. Life

seemed good.

I started drinking at age 17. It helped to make my insecurities and self-doubts go away. I became the "cool kid" and life of the party. I started to "make a name for myself". I was liked by the crowd I was hanging out with and loved this false sense of courage. This continued until I was 22 and I met a girl. I was still not living as I should and the relationship was not built on the "Bedrock of God". I had little knowledge of God's Word, but I still believed. We had a child in 2016, before marriage, and she was born on February 29th, leap year. From the outside looking in, by all accounts, we lived a good life. We had all the things that the "world" says we need to be successful. We loved and cherished our little girl as every parent should. The drinking was no longer a centerpiece in my life.

In September 2018, at 2 ½ years old, our daughter was taken from us. Our lives would change forever. My mother, without knowing and by mistake, ran over Ava while pulling out of their yard while Ava was visiting and staying the night at her home. When Ava's mother and I received the call, our lives turned up-side down. A couple of years passed and we were stumbling through life. We found ourselves just going along with the "day-to-day". We were able to manage in some ways, but the communication went away, we pushed each other away, and ended our engagement. Drinking was the one thing, on my behalf, that played a big part and contributed to the separation. After all of this, the drinking was every weekend and out of control.

After some trouble, I found myself at Open Door Ministries looking for a break and some sense of peace. I had sometimes questioned God and even been angry with Him for what had happened. I would just try to be the tough guy and put one foot in front of the other, just to keep keeping on. I tried not grieving or facing the chains that had a hold on my soul.

After staying in the scriptures for a couple of weeks at Open Door, I was able to see that God didn't do any of this and that God loves me. He only wants what is best for me. The ways of the devil are what I realized happened and why I was allowing him to constantly turn me to alcohol. Through Open Door and working the program, I started getting closer and closer to God. It opened

my eyes of why I had always, in certain ways, felt alone and not "good enough". Knowing that God loves me, and believing that for the first time, has been a game changer. It has given me forgiveness that I have longed for, for so long. It has given me peace of where I am in life. I no longer fear death and He has eased my heart's pain. I am so thankful to Open Door for showing me the love of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 13:7

"Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance."

Daily Needs List

Stove, 12 Passenger Van, Bleach, Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent (preferably pods), Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Hand Sanitizer, Spray Disinfectant, CLR Cleaner, Furniture Polish, Murphy's Oil Soap, Latex Gloves, Ink Pens, Loose-Leaf Notebook Paper, Standard & Legal Copy Paper, 1" 3-Hole Hard Back Binders, Stamps, Envelopes, AA & AAA Batteries, Bibles (preferably NLT), Compact Disc Recordable (CD-R), Area Rugs, Yard Rakes, Wheel Barrel, Work Gloves, 39 and 13 Gallon Trash Bags, Milk, Sugar, Salad Dressings, Mayo, Mustard/Ketchup, Salt/Pepper, Washable Cups, Aluminum Foil, Zip-Lock Storage Bags (Quart and Gallon), Coffee, Wal-Mart Gift Cards, and/or Food Lion Gift Cards

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