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From Heaven's Heart

“God Speaks to us at Easter”

God speaks to us in different ways. And something that is a critical requirement for us to understand God is to clearly know when He is speaking to us. If we don't know it is God speaking, then we are going to struggle at what is at the heart of our Christian lives...hearing from God Himself.

The Bible tells us, actually proves to us throughout history that God speaks to us in these ways.

- God speaks through the Holy Spirit to reveal Himself, His purpose, His plans and His ways.
- God speaks through the Bible about the past, present and future.
- God speaks through prayer in the most intimate and important ways that draw us closer to Him so we can experience the love relationship He always intended for us to have and enjoy.
- God speaks through circumstances...our own, and others...what took place on Easter and what is taking place around the world right now. Every event has its purpose and each event is God's plan to draw us closer to Him, His grace, His love, His power, His purpose for your life.
- God speaks through His church and all believers. This is why God intended for His children to worship together in His church, with other Christians. What would Easter be without His church and being here together to celebrate what Easter was and is?

God's story, His story intended for us to hear and build our lives upon would not be complete without Easter. It is Easter where God spoke perhaps as loud as He spoke when He created the world...In the Beginning. When God had finished speaking to the world through His creation He said, “It is GOOD”.

When Easter concluded and Jesus had been taken down from the cross, laid in a borrowed grave and then miraculously walked out after three days from a sealed and Roman guarded tomb; He spent weeks in the nearby cities where hundreds saw His nail pierced hands and feet, heard Him speak, and witnessed the impossible...They saw Him take His last breath. Then God spoke again. His promise from the beginning of time was complete. The world's Savior had come to earth. Jesus said just before He

took His last breath, “It is finished”. God’s plan to speak to the world through His Son was finished. But God did not stop speaking. Jesus came back to life and while with His friends, He said, “I’m leaving but I am not leaving you alone. I’m sending My Holy Spirit to live in you, to comfort you, to advise and guide you, to give you My power and equip you. So follow Me. Go wherever I direct you and share the story of My life, the Good News of the Gospel with the world”. God spoke to the world on Easter and He’s still speaking today.

Easter is the perfect time to hear from God because for many Christians, Easter is the time of year we make our way back into church. If you want to hear from God? If you want to know the will and voice of God, you must devote time and effort to cultivate a love relationship with Him. That is what He wants and that was His purpose for Easter and for the church.

Easter was that time God spoke to the world and said, “Look how much I love you. Look at what I was willing to do for you, to sacrifice for you, to draw you into that deep, loving, all powerful, eternal relationship with you. I love you. I always have and I always will. Will you love me back. You’ll be so glad you did because I offer you life. Real life. I offer you a life filled with joy and peace. You can hear from Me anytime. Practice what you hear Me say and watch as your life becomes more than you ever dreamed it could be.”

Easter! It’s the best time to come to His church and offer Him your life. As we do, as we offer Him our lives, He will know we are devoted to Him. He will know we are stepping away from our old life and in doing so, we find LIFE, real LIFE in Him as we begin to hear from our loving, Heavenly Father who only desires His very best for His children. God wants to speak to you. Are you ready to Hear His Voice? I pray that you are!

With the deepest love for my brothers and sisters in Christ,

Pastor Steve