

It is such a wonderful thing to know that you are in God's hands.

There is no end of opportunities to get stressed out in ministry and even in life, for that matter. It is rare when all the circumstances surrounding you are ideal. Even in the rare occasion when you might say that all is good and you have perfect peace in everything in your life, if you just look around, you'll see that someone you care about is going through something difficult.

I have experienced great comfort from the Lord during times of stress, financial difficulty, persecution and even the loss of loved ones. It is that experience that has taught me that the Lord is ALWAYS with me. He ALWAYS cares for me and He will ALWAYS help me. The word of God assures us of these facts, but experience really seems to cement it in your heart.

I draw upon that experience in order to minister to others when tragedy strikes their life or when they are just going through a difficult time.



Early this month one of our dear friend's lost their 19 year old son in a motorcycle accident. If not for their faith, this family would have been devastated and without hope. But they do have hope, the hope that their son was born again and is now with the Lord; hope that they will see him again in heaven.

Saddened for our friend's loss and the grief they were experiencing, we went to the funeral and comforted the family with the word of God and love.

I went to that young man's coffin praying and speaking to him to rise up and glorify God. I'll tell you the truth; I was surprised when he didn't respond. I have searched my heart and sought the Lord for the reason why he didn't rise up. After all, the Lord tells us to *"Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons: freely you have received, freely give."* (Matthew 10:8)



I can't say that the Lord gave me a specific answer as to why the young man didn't rise up. I don't know all there is to know on the subject, but I have studied every example in the word. There is a lot that the scriptures don't tell us; for example, is the will of the deceased involved? I do think it is interesting that all of the ministering we see in the life of Paul, Peter, and all the other disciples, apostles, and prophets, there are not that many instances of raising the dead. Nine individuals in scripture are clearly presented in the Bible as being raised from the dead. Of these miraculous resurrections, three occur in the Old Testament. At least three individuals were raised from the dead by Jesus. Both Peter and Paul raised a person from the dead and most importantly of all, Jesus Himself was resurrected.

In addition, an untold number of saints were resurrected at Jesus' crucifixion (Matthew 27:52-53). Also, it is possible that Paul himself was resurrected after he was stoned and left for dead (Acts 14:19-20)



I am not looking for excuses and I most certainly will continue to believe for opportunities to glorify God by raising the dead, however, I am even more concerned with ministering to the living. The importance of ministering to the lost and presenting the gospel is of utmost importance. Life is so short, even if one avoids untimely accidents. *"Whereas you know not what shall be tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away."* (James 4:14)

Let us be about the Lord's business, destroying the works of the devil. Every child we rescue, every person we minister to who comes to know the Lord as their Savior, that is one more with hope; hope for eternity.

We are so thankful for all our partners who support us faithfully. We have given our life to the Lord, we live to glorify God and to be a blessing to others; **YOU ARE MAKING THAT POSSIBLE. THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

I would also like to remind everyone that my girls are raising funds to be able to go to the US and study. The Lord has put in their heart to study physical therapy in Alabama and then go to Colorado to Charis Bible College to be further equipped for a life of full time ministry. I know my girls have in their heart to be a blessing and to serve wherever they are. So I know that everyone they encounter will be blessed as well.



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