

Luke 10:39 "She had a sister named Mary, which also sat at Jesus feet and heard his word."

NEWSLETTER: "MOMENTS WITH MARY"

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"ARISE TO NEW LIFE"

1 Pet.1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to the abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Christ from the dead."

Rom.13:11 LB "Another reason for right living is this; time is running out. Wake up, for the coming of the Lord is nearer now than when we first believed."

When God ordained new life for His Children, He desired that we would know and understand the power of His resurrection for our daily lives. In 1 Peter the Word tells us that His mercy has given us a lively hope by Christ's resurrection. Lively hope! What a wonderful concept! Do we fully grasp the meaning of it? This lively hope is what keeps us alive in the faith! As Christ was raised from the dead unto Life, we too, can be raised from our spiritual death unto a New Life in Christ!

This new life will bring us peace that surpasses our human logic, and a joy that cannot be explained apart from life in Christ! He gives us victory in what seems to us as overwhelming odds against us!

1 Cor.15:57-58 "But thanks be to God which gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain for the Lord."

Do your thoughts turn toward the price paid for our salvation often? If so, has that made a difference in your daily pattern of behavior? Do you forget too soon all He has done for you and fall back into old patterns that do not honor God? He has paid a price for us to have the power needed to overcome so we may truly live a life of victory!

Paul said he was not perfect, but he made the effort to walk toward the goal set before him! We need a fresh vision of what it is like to walk in the power of His resurrection! We need to understand that power so we can determine to follow after Christ. That Holy Spirit power helps us understand that trials and sufferings are often a part of learning more about our Lord! To gain the benefits He has for us takes a decision and determination on our part to live fully for Him each day!

We have been raised to new life! We need to keep that hope and life alive within our hearts! The Enemy of our Soul comes against us to destroy the faith that will keep us strong in the Lord! Satan will come to hound you when your body is ill with thoughts such as: "If God really cares for you, why doesn't He heal you at once?" When we linger in sickness or affliction, he will whisper that God is punishing for you for some vague reason! He accuses you of ineffective prayers that bounce off the ceilings. Even the prayers of others in your behalf seem to go unanswered! At times, our emotions get out of balance and we can't seem to combat

those fears or depressive thoughts! Satan’s job is to make you *feel* defeated! The Lord has already provided all we need through His resurrection power to overcome Satan’s evil! The same spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in us! Praise the LORD! Let His power and faith raise us up to new life!

There will be times in our walk with the Lord that we you may feel confused and your faith is sorely tested! Remember! We do not have to understand every thing He does before we trust Him! When we obey Him anyway, it will strengthen our walk in Christ. Remember, a parent does not always explain all the details or reasons to children simply because it is often beyond his ability to fully comprehend! A good parent will encourage the child to trust him to bring him to a place of safety. Do we trust God in that way?

Be careful that you do not compare the Lord with people that let you down in some serious matter. The Lord says He will never forsake us! He leads us through some difficult places, but He is always there with us!

We have asked the Lord to lead us and to guide us into His Will for our lives. Have you ever thought about or considered *the trial you go through* may be an answer to *your own prayer*? How will you really know you can trust Him fully until He has lead you through those hard places in life!

Remember! God has promised us a New Life, a Lively Hope! Resurrection power and knowledge of Him! There is a time and season for all things! On a cold and barren day you may look at the frozen ground, wondering if and when the

warmth will ever come again! Sometimes our hearts are that way! But God shines His love and light on our cold hearts to melt away the icy places with his divine Presence! How we need to trust His promises! Let faith recall His Word when we go through the hard places of our lives, and remember to let new life arise in your hearts!

God Bless! If you have questions, comments or prayer requests, please contact me at the above addresses.

In His Service, Mary Mayko

“A LIVELY HOPE!”

God is always with us, He will never leave nor forsake us.
Knowing this though our trials we will keep our trust!

So don’t think it strange when our burdens we bear,
Keep your eyes on Jesus, He will show us His loving care!

We overcome Satan by the Blood of Christ and His Word,
When we trust in the LORD and believe what we read and heard!

Hold fast to that lively hope, have faith whatever may come
Be thankful to our Father for giving us His Son!

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