

Friday

Read John 21:18-25. Have you ever compared yourself with others or other situations and wondered why your life is turning out the way it is?

How did that affect your desire to do what you're supposed to do?

Why did Peter ask about John right away? How is Jesus' response to Peter a great answer for you to consider when you are comparing yourself with others?

Tell God today where you might be comparing yourself with others. Listen to Him through Jesus' words to Peter.

Saturday

Please pray for our weekend services- that they would be great! We want to rejoice in God's goodness! Finish devotions you may have missed, and memorize that memory verse.

Some questions adapted from The Serendipity New Testament for Groups

Prayer Updates

Hospitalized & surgeries this past week...

Aleeta Zapata – RCU, in good spirits

Braden Liam McClean – born 3/13/08, 6 weeks premature, parents Ryan & Heather McClean

Brian Poland – spinal surgery 3/18/08

Christine Garbo – returned to hospital 3/19, fluid build-up around her heart and lungs

Jeremy Holmes – surgery recovery at UCSF, rib and cancerous tumor removed 3/14

JoAnn Pummill – UCSF, 3/18 donating kidney to friend

Leslie Douglas – 3/21 procedure at UCSF

Marion Fuhry – COPD and pneumonia

Patrick McGibben – hip replacement

Steve Campbell – congestive heart failure, hopefully home for Easter

Recent hospitalizations/surgeries: Charles Whitney, Charlie Comstock, Warren Lemmon

Hospice care: Adrienne Bresnahan-Gomes, Verna Hernandez

Home with the Lord

Please remember Glen Olive, whose mother, **Ruth Olive**, one of our dear shut-ins, went to be home with the Lord this past week.

Our love and prayer are extended to Marilyn Walker and family, in the loss of her father, **Ora Williams**. He was a loving husband to his wife, Ruth, for 62 years, as well as a wonderful father and grandfather.

Nancy Bittinger, one of our very sweet shut-ins, is grieving the loss of her sister. An encouragement card may be sent to Nancy at Windsor Gardens Rehab Center, 637 E. Romie Lane, Salinas, CA 93901

Rick Williams, a good friend to many at TLC and a talented musician, is now present with the Lord. Pray for peace and comfort for his wife Cathy and three daughters.

We were saddened to receive word of the sudden death of **Shirley Ellis**, a dear friend to Bonnie Cunningham for 70 years. Shirley and Bonnie traveled on many of our Gadabout trips together.

We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 465-3395 when someone is hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, becomes a shut-in, or in special need. Prayer support is available through our pastors and numerous prayer groups — call 689-9400. Please pick up a Prayer Update at the Information Desk or Welcome Center. **Subscribe to the Prayer Update:** www.tlc.org/profiles

Thrill Ride

The Resurrection Factor

March 22 & 23, 2008 • René Schlaepfer

Before the resurrection of Jesus:

“...the disciples were together, with **the doors locked for fear...**” *John 20:19a*

They were feeling...

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After the resurrection of Jesus:

“The leaders saw that Peter and John **were not afraid** to speak, and... had no special training or education. So they were amazed. Then they realized these men had been with Jesus.” *Acts 4:14*

The Resurrection Factor:

Before	The Resurrection	After
Despair	John 20:16	Joy
Discouragement	John 20:19	Peace
Doubt	John 20:27	Faith
Denial	John 21:17	Forgiveness
Disillusionment	Luke 24:31	Excitement

What difference does the risen Jesus make? He gives me:

1. _____ to live on

(Jesus) “But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you...” *Acts 1:8a*

“... How tremendous is the **power** available to us who believe in God. That power is the same divine energy which was demonstrated in Christ when he was raised from the dead...” *Ephesians 1:20 (Phillips)*

2. _____ to live for

“As the Father has sent me, **I am sending you.**” *John 20:21b*

“...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” *Acts 1:8b*

“And God says to you and me, ‘Don’t dwell on what happened long ago. Watch the **new thing** I’m going to do (in your life)!’” *Isaiah 43:19 (NLT)*

3. _____ I'll live again!

"If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead **will also give life to your mortal bodies...**" *Romans 8:11a*

"By his **power** God raised the Lord from the dead, and He will raise us also." *1 Corinthians 6:14*

Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life.** He who believes in me will live, even though he dies... do you believe this?" *John 11:25*

The key question: _____

Coming Events

NEW SERIES STARTS TODAY:



Life can be a rollercoaster! How do I face life's big challenges? How do I survive the big drops? What's the key to staying joyful and peaceful through it all? Discover how to see God at work even when life is unpredictable and chaotic.

SPECIAL MUSICAL GUESTS: "RESCUE"

April 12th and 13th in all weekend services

Rescue's sound is fresh and exciting, with a captivating style. Influences include the well-known Take 6, Rockapella, and Acappella. A TLC favorite, this a cappella group will be with us in all services!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES FOR EVERY INTEREST!

• April 2nd–April 30th • Dinner at 5:15pm, Classes 6:30–7:45pm

Your choice of any one of these great FREE classes!

- **The Sermon on the Mount: High Points of Jesus' Sermon**
- **Class 301: Discovering Your Ministry Gifts**
- **TLC School of Theology: Church History**
- **Navigating the Storms of the Blended Family**
- **Discerning the Voice of God, by Priscilla Shirer**
- **Exodus: Moses, Miracles & Modern Israel**

Monday

Read John 20:1-18. As Mary, having seen Jesus' tortuous death, what is your emotional state two days later? Why do you visit the tomb so early? Why do you cry after seeing that the tomb is empty?

When someone you love dies, how does the resurrection of Jesus help you deal with your pain?

Today thank God that he calls you by name. Tell him where you are feeling grief right now. Receive his comfort.

Tuesday

Read John 20:19-23. Why are the disciples fearful now? What are your fears at this point in your life?

Of all the things Jesus must have said, why does John record "peace be with you" three times (verses 19, 21, 26)? How does this relate to their fears?

Where could you use some peace right now — a relationship, at work, or...?

Tell God your fears. Ask Him to help you know His peace. Be an agent of peace today.

Wednesday

Read John 20:24-31. Why do you think Thomas was not with the other disciples when Jesus appeared? How does Jesus deal with Thomas' doubt?

What have you found helpful in times of doubt?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The Bible record | <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of past miracles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical evidence | <input type="checkbox"/> The faith of others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Answered prayer in my past | |

What has convinced you of who Jesus is?

Tell God about your doubts or questions you're struggling with. Pray that He'll guide you to the answers.

Thursday

Read John 21:1-17. At this point in Peter's life, would you have nominated him to be the leader in your church? (See John 18:25-27)

Why do you think Jesus repeated the same question and charge to Peter three times? What is the crucial issue revealed in the questions?

How is his charge to Peter similar to his responses to other sinners in the gospels?

Have you ever felt like you have blown it so badly that God couldn't use you?

If you were asked the same question as Peter, how would you respond?

Tell God about an area where you feel you have blown it recently. Listen to God's words to you through his words to Peter: "Do you love me? Feed my sheep."

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"Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'" *John 20:21*