

A Resurrected Spirit

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Long ago, before the time of power-propelled vessels, a sailing ship was stuck off the coast of South America, because there was no wind to fill its sails. Week after week went by with no wind. The ship did not move, and the sailors were dying of thirst.

One day, a schooner drifted by just close enough to read their frantic signals for help. The schooner answered back, "Let down your buckets." When they did, they found fresh water! Although they were far from the coast, the fresh water current of the Amazon River surrounded the sailing boat. All they needed to do was reach down!

A resurrected spirit is one that is willing to "let down their buckets," to open themselves up to God's presence in their lives. The resurrected spirit is ready to take its place "among the saviors of the world." The world needs a resurrected spirit — the world needs you!

So much of the time we are bombarded by the problems of the world, and this current pandemic is a good example of that. We feel like the sailors on that ship, dying of thirst for comfort, safety, and peace. But, God is calling to us, "Come unto me. Lay your troubles down; let Me help you. I will never leave you comfortless." His promise is life, and His promise is our resurrection.

In *A Course in Miracles* we read,

"Easter is the sign of peace, not pain. A slain Christ has no meaning. But a risen Christ becomes the symbol of the Son of God's forgiveness on himself; the sign he looks upon himself as healed and whole." (T-20.1.1:3)

A resurrected spirit has a willingness, no matter how small, to see the hope instead of the hopelessness, to heal instead of suffer, to become whole by reaching out to others instead of withdrawing into ourselves. Easter becomes a time for us once again to remember God's promise in our lives; His promise of peace and triumph over the seeming adversities; His promise of the resurrecting spirit that is alive in you right now!

Jesus is reminding us of his message of resurrection this Easter season; not a message of pain and suffering, but a message of hope and healing. "Let down your buckets," not in defeat, but in victory, and quench your thirst with God's resurrecting spirit.

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