

The Promises of the Cross
The Promise of His Presence
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The Narrative

Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you."

The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there." Matthew 28:5-10 NLT

Key Thought of the Day

The Promise found in the empty tomb is the possibility of _____ in our lives.

For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" 2 Corinthians 1:20 NLT

And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. 1 Corinthians 15:17, 20

Key Verse of the Day

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. John 10:10 NLT

TRUTH #1 – THE BAD NEWS

The _____ is Satan and he is seeking to _____ your life.

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy.

Be careful, watch out for attacks from the Devil your great enemy. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for some victim to devour. 1 Peter 5:8

The Thief's Goal...

1. The Thief wants to steal your _____.

I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. John 15:11,13-14 NLT

The Thief's Goal...

2. The Thief wants to kill your _____.

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10 NLT

The Thief's Goal...

3. The Thief wants to destroy your _____.

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. John 10:10a NLT

People are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment... Hebrews 9:27 NIV

Don't Miss This!

The Thief's ultimate goal is to keep you from experiencing the Joy and Purpose found in Jesus' _____ in your life!

TRUTH #2 – THE GOOD NEWS

Jesus' desire is for you to have a _____ life.

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. John 10:10 NLT

The #1 Spiritual Reality of a Rich and Satisfying Life

- Jesus wants you to experience _____ for your sins and the _____ that brings.

He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. Ephesians 1:7 NLT

If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. 1 John 1:9 NLT

The #2 Spiritual Reality of a Rich and Satisfying Life

- Jesus wants you to experience His _____ for you.

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 NLT

Grab This!

It is through Jesus' presence that you and I experience _____!

How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me! Psalm 139:17-18 NLT

The #3 Spiritual Reality of a Rich and Satisfying Life

- Jesus wants you to experience _____.

I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! John 15:11 NLT

The #4 Spiritual Reality of a Rich and Satisfying Life

- Jesus wants you to experience _____.

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 NLT

In those days you were living apart from Christ, you lived in this world without God and without hope. Ephesians 2:12 NLT

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. Revelation 3:20 NIV

The Bottom Line

Is Jesus present in your life?