



The Pastor's Corner

Scripture Focus

John 11:25–26 (NIV) Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.'

“From Hurt to Hope: Walking towards Resurrection”

As we move closer to Easter, we often focus on the joy of the resurrection, the empty tomb, the celebration, the music, the lilies, and the proclamation that “He is risen!” But before we arrive at the joy of Easter morning, we must first journey through the reality of the cross.

The truth is, many of us understand something about the cross, not just the one Jesus carried, but the crosses we carry in our own lives. Life has a way of bringing hurt. Sometimes the hurt comes from loss. Sometimes it comes from disappointment. Sometimes it comes from broken relationships, unanswered prayers, or seasons where God feels strangely silent.

Even in our churches and communities, people are quietly carrying burdens that others may never see.

The Easter story reminds us that God does not ignore our hurt, God enters into it.

When Jesus walked toward the cross, He carried the weight of the world's pain. He knew betrayal. He knew abandonment. He knew suffering. He knew what it meant to feel the depth of human sorrow.

Yet the cross was not the end of the story.

What looked like defeat on Friday became victory on Sunday. What looked like loss became redemption. What looked like death became life.

Easter reminds us that God specializes in bringing resurrection out of places that look hopeless.

If you are carrying hurt in this season, know this, your story is not over.

God still rolls away stones. God still breathes life into weary hearts. God still turns mourning into joy.

Sometimes resurrection does not happen overnight. Sometimes it unfolds slowly as God heals what has been broken and re-stores what has been lost.

But Easter assures us that hope always has the final word.

As we prepare our hearts for Holy Week and Easter Sunday, I invite you to walk the journey with Christ, through the cross, through the silence of the tomb, and into the promise of new life.

Because the same power that raised Jesus from the grave is still at work today, bringing healing, restoration, and hope.

And that is good news for every hurting heart.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Donna