

Staying Alive

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I am alive in Christ! It is no longer I who live – but Jesus Christ Who lives in me!

Galatians 2:20 – I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Sometimes you just need to hear it again. You have worth! You have a purpose! You were born for a reason and even if you don't know it – it's okay – God's timing is PERFECT! He will show you, He will meet you where you are and take your hand and walk you through the good and the bad and He will keep you! Remember the enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy, but Jesus has come that you would have LIFE and have it more abundantly!! **(John 10:10)** There are times when you feel like you are doing all you can to just stay alive but to be honest, you could be left for dead, like the man on the road who was robbed and left for dead in **Luke 10** – but if that's all they take – they cannot take your soul!

Matthew 10:28 – And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Friends, the times that we are in are not for the faint of heart. I know you have probably heard this but I'm going to say it again – because I'm feeling like I should remind you that you are ALIVE in Christ – and to die is gain – BUT ALSO that the times we are in are going to test you and sift what's not of God out of you and bring you to a place of WHOLLY living in order to remain in a posture of living sacrifice holy and acceptable to God. I know so many of you who have been going through and are still going through trying and testing – you are about to start producing the product of refinement. You are still alive for a reason. Stop wondering why me? Instead, respond by saying – I'm alive Lord – You have a purpose! Rise above – leave the past behind you and run the race you have before you – the Lord will show you – He is faithful – He is just – He is able – He is for you – He is all you need for today. He is GREAT!

I wrote a song I will leave you with entitled *"I Live"* about a month ago – I didn't know when I would share it – but it seems perfect to share with you now. I pray it touches your heart and speaks to your spirit.

Hit the play button below and here are the words:

Lord help me find my way – Through this dry and weary land

To hear and know Your voice above the rest

I need to push on past my flesh and just believe – To look to You when You call my name

I gotta get on over this hurdle – reach up to rise above

Leave the past behind me to run the race

I know the choice I've made and I see the road less traveled

My life is not my own because I'm crucified with Christ – And Yet I live

I Live I Live – because He is Risen – I Live I Live – with power over sin

I Live I Live – because He is Risen – I Live I Live – to worship Him

Thank You Jesus Thank You Jesus

Because You're alive – Because You're alive – Because You're alive – I Live!

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