



"During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God."

Acts 1:3 (NLT)

## From Mourning to Mission

## 1. Grief can keep you from \_\_\_\_\_

John 20:11–15 (NLT) – "Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. 'Dear woman, why are you crying?' the angels asked her. 'Because they have taken away my Lord,' she replied, 'and I don't know where they have put him.' She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn't recognize him. 'Dear woman, why are you crying?' Jesus asked her. 'Who are you looking for?' She thought he was the gardener. "Sir," she said, "if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him.""

Psalm 34:18 (NLT) – "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed."

Lamentations 3:22-23 (GNT) – "The Lord's love never ends; his mercies never stop. They are new every morning."

Isaiah 55:8–9  $^{(NLT)}$  – "'My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,' says the Lord. 'And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.'"

## 2. Jesus still

John 20:16 (NLT) – ""Mary!" Jesus said. She turned to him and cried out, "Rabboni!" [which is Hebrew for "Teacher"]."

John 10:2-4 (TLB) – "A shepherd comes through the gate. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice and come to him; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. He walks ahead of them; and they follow him, for they recognize his voice."

Isaiah 43:1 (NIV) – "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine."

Isaiah 55:11 (CEV) – "That's how it is with my words. They don't return to me without doing everything I send them to do."

Romans 4:17 (CEV) – "the One who makes the dead come to life and creates new things out of nothing."

Psalm 119:49 (NLT) – "Remember your promise to me; it is my only hope.

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John 20:17 (NLT) – "Don't cling to me," Jesus said, "for I haven't yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

2 Corinthians 1:3–4 (NLT) – "All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others."

Psalm 30:11-12 (CEB) – "You changed my mourning into dancing. You took off my funeral clothes and dressed me up in joy so that my whole being might sing praises to you and never stop. Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever!"

John 20:18 (NLT) – "Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, "I have seen the Lord!""

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere - in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

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