
Easter

John 11:25 I am the resurrection and life. He who comes to me, though he dies, yet will he live.

*1 Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In **his great mercy** he has given us **new birth** into a **living hope** through **the resurrection of Jesus Christ** from the dead,⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you...*

"The best news the world has ever heard came from a graveyard
- Christ is risen!"

- Soren Kierkegaard

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Spiritual Truth, In Community

Isolation—part 1

We are made for a particular kind of community

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We need community that delivers truth
that comes alive in everyday life.

The consequences of isolation:

Human nature does not do well on its own.
We are made for community. More specifically,
we are made for a certain type of community!

Hebrews 3:13 But let us exhort one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

Isolation exposes our addiction to .

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*John 8:22 They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall **be set free**?"*

John 8:34 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

When Jesus tells us that we are slaves to sin,
He is telling us we are addicted to ourselves.

What sets us free from our addictions to self?

a. We need a certain kind of t_____.

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Psalm 51:5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. ⁶ Yet you desired **truth** even in the womb; you taught me **wisdom** in my inner parts.

I need a certain kind of truth

a. Resurrection truth.

Isaiah 61:3 ... to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

b. Story truth.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

c. Signpost truth.

Matthew 7:13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

I need a certain kind of community

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1 Timothy 4:12 Let no one look down on your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.

1 Corinthians 11:1 Follow my example as I follow Christ.

Philippians 4:9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do, and the God of peace will be with you.