

WORD FROM THE PASTOR

BELIEVING IN THE RESURRECTION GIVES MEANING TO OUR LIVES



Someone said to Jesus, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us: 'If a man's brother dies without having children, the man must marry his wife and raise up offspring for him.'" Once again, Jesus leads us to salvation by opening His detractors to understanding. He respects those in His presence by telling them the truth. The resurrected are like the angels; they are children of God, heirs of the Resurrection. Thus, the relationship, which includes sexuality, transcends it; it reveals itself as an expression of the mystery of relationship. Jesus constantly connects everything to the relationship with His Father. He lives for Him; **He proclaims that we too are called to live for Him.** Jesus draws us into the movement of Love that leads us to the Father: **"He is not the God of the dead, but of the**

living, for to Him all live." Many today are "suffocated" by a civilization of death. With Jesus, we choose life because our faith in the Resurrection is at work.

Jesus takes a stand in favor of life in the Resurrection. His interlocutors imagine the afterlife in an earthly way. They reduce eternal life to a mere extension of earthly life. Jesus demonstrates, by quoting the passage of the Burning Bush from the Book of Exodus, that **God is not the God of the dead but of the living.** He does not abandon His friend to death, nor does He let Him see decay. In the great struggle for life, we proclaim that **God is the God of Life and that our pilgrimage on earth leads to a Life that will have no end!** The Resurrection is lived today, **ETERNAL LIFE has already begun**, and we want to remain in it. The children of the Kingdom already share in the Life of the Kingdom; they are heirs of the Resurrection.

For us, in this world where human conceptions of life and death are so diverse, the Resurrection is contested! We allow ourselves to be guided toward the whole truth. **Our faith is in the Resurrection of Christ. Jesus is founded on a new Love, given by Jesus. He came from the Father and was attested by the Holy Spirit; He prepares us for the Kingdom.** The burning love of the beginning will forever be in our hearts. We will love one another in God, in the Holy Spirit, in the fruitfulness of divine Love. Believing in the resurrection is not only about speaking of the afterlife, but it is also about giving meaning to our earthly life.

Each person can participate in God's ETERNAL LOVE and thus realize their capacity to love and be loved, with their whole being, body and heart, soul, and spirit. The uniqueness of human life then clearly expresses its seriousness, its importance. Our path to eternity is the unique place where we can realize our capacity to love. It is our freedom and our responsibility to affirm the importance of the choices we make today. **To believe in the Resurrection is to believe in the unique value of the human person, in God's unconditional Love for each of us, in our capacity to build our own happiness.**

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