

Date: 31 Mar 2024 | **Speaker:** Ps Joachim Tan |
Topic: Living in the Resurrection Power | **Scripture:** Various passages

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

At the end of the sermon discussion, cell members will:

1. Understand the significance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ
2. Desire to live in and experience the resurrection power of Jesus Christ

SERMON SUMMARY

The resurrection is not just a true event; the resurrection is the event that our faith is based upon. As Christians, we can live in the resurrection power because Jesus is alive. Ps Joachim's message seeks to help RiverLifers understand the significance of the resurrection and how we can experience the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.

SERMON RECAP

Ps Joachim shared 4 ways we can experience the resurrection power of Christ:

#1: We can experience the fullness of a living faith

- "And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith" – **1 Corinthians 15:14**
- Because of the resurrection, we experience the fullness of God's promises in Jesus Christ. For example, we can experience the peace of God promised to us (**Philippians 4:6-7, John 14:27**)

#2: We can experience the depth of the Father's love

- The resurrection is not simply to be understood, it is to be experienced. When was the last time we experienced the living God?
- Ps Joachim shared that even as an earthly Father, his love for his own daughter compelled him to sacrifice himself for her. In the same way, the depth of God's Fatherly love for us (His children) caused Him to sacrifice for us.
- In the resurrection, we experience the true heart of God, the depth of the Father's love – that God would indeed sacrifice His own Son for the world (**Isaiah 53:4**).

#3: The fullness of His resurrection power is now made available for us

- There is no power without the resurrection. "I want to know Christ – yes, to **know the power of his resurrection** and participation in his sufferings, becoming like Him in his death (**Philippians 3:10**).
- This power is so evident in the life of the disciples – "With **great power** the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so **powerfully at work** in them all" – **Acts 4:33**
- "I pray that the **eyes of your heart may be enlightened** in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, **and his incomparably great power for us** who believe. **That power is the same as the mighty strength He exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms.**" – **Ephesians 1:18-20**.
- The church has been given power and authority:
 - to trample over snakes and scorpions and overcome all the power of the enemy (**Luke 10:19**)
 - for miracles (Book of Acts)
 - for intimacy (**Ephesians 1:18-23**)

#4: The resurrection fuelled the church for the greatest revival, harvest and outpouring of the Holy Spirit

- The greatest outpouring of the Holy Spirit happened at Pentecost. The resurrection event sparked the initial flames in the young and waning church and fuelled them for the greatest harvest and outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does the resurrection of Jesus Christ mean to you?

Leader's Notes

“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the **first fruits** of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so **in Christ all will be made alive.**” – **1 Corinthians 15:20-22**. Jesus conquered sin and death – in Christ, we will be “made alive”.

As believers, we can live in the resurrection power because Jesus is alive. Leaders can invite members to reflect on the significance of Jesus’ resurrection in their own lives and what it means to them.

Transition

The same resurrection power that raised Christ from the dead is the same power that God has given us (his church) to overcome sin, and temptation, and to perform miracles.

2. Ps Joachim shared that “the resurrection is not simply to be understood, it is to be experienced”. Share a time when you experienced the living God and His resurrection power. How did that experience impact you?

Leader's Notes

When was the last time you experienced the living God and His resurrection power? Leaders can invite cell members to share past instances where they experienced God – His deep love for them, or His resurrection power working in their lives, and how it had impacted them.

Transition

Let us desire to not only know and understand the resurrection as an event or concept, but to experience, live and immerse in the resurrection power in our daily lives.

3. Ps Joachim shared that the resurrection power has been made available for us (the church) to overcome the power of the enemy, for miracles, and for us to experience intimacy with Jesus. Share an area in your life in which you desire to experience the resurrection power of Christ.

Leader's Notes

Leaders can ask members to share situations in their lives which they want to see God’s resurrection power work in – e.g. relationships that require His resurrection/restoration, the power to overcome habitual sin and temptation, chains and strongholds in their lives that need to be broken, healing of sickness etc.

Closing

In closing, the cell can spend some time praying for one another to experience the resurrection power and to see breakthroughs regarding the situations that have been shared.

Consider dividing the group into micro-groups for a deeper time of sharing as well as praying for the following items:

1. Sermon Application

- Pray for us to desire to live and immerse in the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.
- Pray that God will enlighten us to see the power that has been given to us (his church) to carry out His will.
- Pray for us to desire greater to see a greater outpouring of His Holy Spirit in our lives, families and in RiverLife Church.

2. RiverLife

- Pray for our church, that as we enter into a season of prayer and fasting, that God will align all of our hearts and do what He needs to do so that we can live in a new normal that glorifies Him.

3. World

- Continue to pray for the various nations that are at war:
 - a. Russia and Ukraine
 - b. Myanmar (Civil War) – Pray for the situation where military service was made compulsory for man and woman between the ages of 18 and 35.
 - c. Israel & Hamas
- Continue to pray for countries that have an escalated conflict situation:
 - a. China and the Philippines in the South China Sea
 - b. North & South Korea
- Continue to pray for countries recovering from recent natural disasters:
 - a. Taiwan (Earthquake)
 - b. Japan (Earthquake)
 - c. Iceland (Volcanic Eruption)
- Pray for the recovery and rebuilding efforts as a result of the collapsed bridge in Baltimore, USA.
- Pray for Singapore
 - a. Pray against the rise of young drug abusers
 - b. Pray for a stability in the cost of living in Singapore

4. Opportunities for Outreach

- Ask the Lord to bless us as we step out to reach a pre-believer.
- Ask the Lord to grant you opportunities to reach out to a non-believing loved one, friend, or colleague this week as we seek to mature in Christlikeness.

- Sustaining the Fire.** As our 21-day season of prayer & fasting comes to a close, we thank God for reviving us individually and collectively. It is needful for us to go on walking closely with the Lord and be faithful stewards of the work that has been done in us. We can continue this journey by spending time with God daily using this recommended 21-day devotional:
 - 21 Days to Overflow takes readers on a 3-week journey of emptying themselves of self, being filled with the Holy Spirit, and living out an overflowing spirit-filled life. Start 21-day devotional: [On YouVersion Bible App](#) | [PDF](#)

Our Revive Us, Lord website has been updated with resources to help you grow in these four aspects – spiritually, relationally, physically & missionally.

For more information: rlc.sg/21days
- Alpha Course. 20 Apr – 13 Jul.** If you have questions about Christianity that you are seeking answers for, we invite you to join us for Alpha - a series of interactive sessions that explores the basics of the Christian faith.
 - For More Information: rlc.sg/alpha
 - To Sign Up: rlc.sg/join-alpha (Closing Date: 7 April)
- 21 Days of Prayer & Fasting - Revive Us, Lord, Align our hearts to Yours. 11-31 Mar.** Share how you've been ministered to by the Lord over the past 21 days and give thanks for the areas of your life that have been revived. Submit your thanksgiving to stories@riverlife.org.sg.
- Our Weekly Prayer Gatherings.** RiverLife Prayer Room will be closed on Tue, 2 Apr and resume on Tue, 9 Apr. We will not gather for Revive Night on Wed, 3 Apr and resume on Wed, 10 Apr.
- MegaLife Camp 2024. Thu-Sun, 13-16 Jun. Thistle Hotel, Johor Bahru. For Youths Aged 13-18.** If you are a parent of a teen or know someone who's a teen, invite them for our annual Youth camp! Registration opens first week of April and more details will be shared.
 - Early Bird (6-15 Apr): \$280
 - Regular (16-22 Apr): \$320
- The Parents Gathering. 27 Apr, 2.30pm-6pm. Grace Chapel.** This platform is designed to help parents of various life-stages to grow in their roles as parents, as well as support one another in their parenting journey. Each quarterly gathering will include short teachings, group connection time, refreshments, as well as parents processing time.
 - No fees required
 - Closing Date: 17 April 2024
 - Registration: rlc.sg/pg
- Family Life Portal.**
 - Our Family Life ministry strengthens relationships within the family so that they are reflective of who God is – married couples loving and serving each other, parents discipling their children in the ways of God, grandparents inspiring the generations by their faith and actions, and the singles living secure and fruitful lives for God's kingdom! RiverLife's Family Life portal is an online platform that contains this year's calendar of Family Life initiatives as well as a wide range of resources for various life stages.
 - Access the portal: rlc.sg/familylife or www.riverlife.org.sg (Under the "Resources" tab)

1. YA Gatherings (For Young Adults in their 20s). First Saturday Every Month, 5pm-8.30pm Victory Chapel (Level 1).

The YA Gathering is a space where young adults can get together to connect and build community. This gathering is made up of two components – Community Conversations & Communal Dinner – both with a focus on relationship building and life conversations. If you are interested in joining the gatherings and would like to find out more, connect with us on our Telegram Channel: [rlc.sg/ya](https://t.me/rlc.sg/ya).

Gathering Dates: 6 Apr, 4 May, 1 Jun, 3 Aug, 7 Sep, 5 Oct, 2 Nov

YA Camp: 5-7 Jul

Christmas Outreach: 14 Dec

2. RiverLife Prayer Meetings.

- *RLC Prayer Room.* Tue, 8-9.30pm, Victory Chapel. (Livestream: rlc.sg/rpr-watch)
- *Revive Nights.* Wed, 8pm – 9.30pm, Victory Chapel. (Livestream: rlc.sg/revivenights)

We encourage you to set aside every Wednesday for a time of fasting.

3. Quarterly Calendar for Key English Adult Congregation Events

**Some dates are tentative and subjected to change. Stay updated via our digital bulletin and our social media channels for the latest information.*

Quarter 2	Quarter 3
<p><u>April</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 06 Apr to 22 Jun – YA Gathering, Alpha #1 • 07 Apr – Dating Couples Briefing #1 • 13 Apr – Caleb Ministry Gathering • 27 Apr – The Parent’s Gathering <p><u>May</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 04 May – YA Gathering • 17 to 18 May – Leaders Advance • 30 May to 01 Jun – SuperLife Camp <p><u>June</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2, 23, 30 Jun – Marriage Preparation Course #2 • 08 Jun – Caleb Ministry Gathering, Water Baptism Class #2 • 09 Jun – RiverLife AGM • 13 to 16 Jun – Youth Camp • 27 Jun – Fun Day (Youth) • 29 Jun – Parents Gathering #2 	<p><u>July</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 to 7 Jul – YA Camp • 13 Jul – Caleb Ministry • 14 Jul – Dating Couples Briefing #2 • 21 Jul – EA Welcome Lunch • 28 Jul – Baptism Service #2 <p><u>August</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 03 Aug – YA Gathering • 03 Aug to 3 Oct – Alpha Run #2 • 04 Aug – Q3 Leaders Huddle • 17 Aug – Parents Gathering #3 • 24 to 25 Aug – RLC 33rd Anniversary Weekend, RTF <p><u>September</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 07 Sep – YA Gathering • 01 to 15 Sep – Marriage Preparation Course #3 • 01 to 29 Sep – SPYCs • 06 to 15 Sep – Equipping #2: Deuteronomy • 14 Sep – Caleb Ministry Gathering • 22 Sep – EA Mid-Autumn Lunch Outreach

Quarter 4	
<p><u>October</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 05 Oct – YA Gathering, Water Baptism Class #3 • 06 to 20 – Marriage Preparation Course #3 • 12 Oct – Caleb Ministry Gathering • 13 Oct – Discipleship @ Home for Pre-School Parents (Parents Equipping) • 16 to 23 Oct – Feast of the Tabernacles • 19 Oct – Fun Day (Youth) • 26 Oct – Local Outreach (Youth) <p><u>November</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 02 Nov – YA Gathering • 7 to 9 Nov – Ministry Orientation Camp for Sec 1s (Youth) • 10 Nov – Discipleship @ Home for Primary School Parents (Parents Equipping) • 10 Nov – Water Baptism Service #3 • 23-25 Nov – Marriage Retreat <p><u>December</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 Dec – YA Christmas Outreach, Caleb Ministry Gathering • 19 to 21 Dec – Youth Conference • 21-22 Dec – Christmas Outreach Weekend • 28 Dec – Parents Gathering #4 	

Ministry & Opportunities



1. The 9M Ministry.

This ministry provides prayer support for expectant mothers on their 9-month journey of pregnancy. Sisters-in-Christ who are fellow RiverLifers are assigned as Prayer Buddies to walk alongside mums who sign up to receive prayer support.

- Receive Prayer Support: rlc.sg/9m
- Provide Prayer Support: rlc.sg/serve

2. Missions Microsite.

Discover how you can go, give and pray for the nations. Let's make a difference in the nations together! For more information, visit rlc.sg/missions.

3. RiverLife Cares Opportunities.

Enquiries/Registration: rlc.sg/serve-rlcar

4. Prayer Ministry.

If you require prayer ministry for any issues you face (eg. fear, worry, etc), you can sign up for RiverLife's RTF ministry: bit.ly/rlcrtf

1. Bible Reading Plan.

The church has provided 3 undated Bible Reading plans that will serve as a resource for those who wish to follow a Bible Reading plan. Link: rlc.sg/brp

- 2 Year Chronological Bible Reading Plan.
- 3 Year Bible Reading Schedule (Alternating readings between Old and New Testament passages)
- Redemptive Historical Bible Reading Plan (At your own pace, focusing on the redemption story)

2. RiverLife Podcast.

The RiverLife Podcast allows you to listen to RiverLife content anytime, anywhere! The link to go to is rlc.sg/podcast or simply search 'The RiverLife Podcast' on Spotify.

3. Spiritual Growth Resources.

We have put together a curated list of recommended resources for the RiverLife family. These resources (books, articles, podcasts and videos) are recommendations for the various spiritual growth stages as you seek to grow deeper in the River of God this year. You can access them at rlc.sg/resource. This list will be continually populated throughout the year.

4. Testimony.

If you have a testimony to share, you can write to us at stories@riverlife.org.sg to share with us your testimony as an encouragement to others.

5. Stay Connected with RLC.

Follow us to stay updated on latest church news and happenings.

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