

**THE EXCHANGED
LIFE**

JOHN 20:19-23

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19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

John 20:19-23

21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

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DOORS**

Luke 4:15-21

15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

Luke 4:15-21 - continued

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.



God is not looking for men of great faith, He is looking for common men to trust His great faithfulness.

~ Hudson Taylor

I. Fear for Peace (20:19)

A. When we turn to Christ, we go from being at war to God , to being at peace with God

Colossians 1:21-22

21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprieveable in his sight:

A Changed Seal



I. Fear for Peace (20:19)

B. A changed life

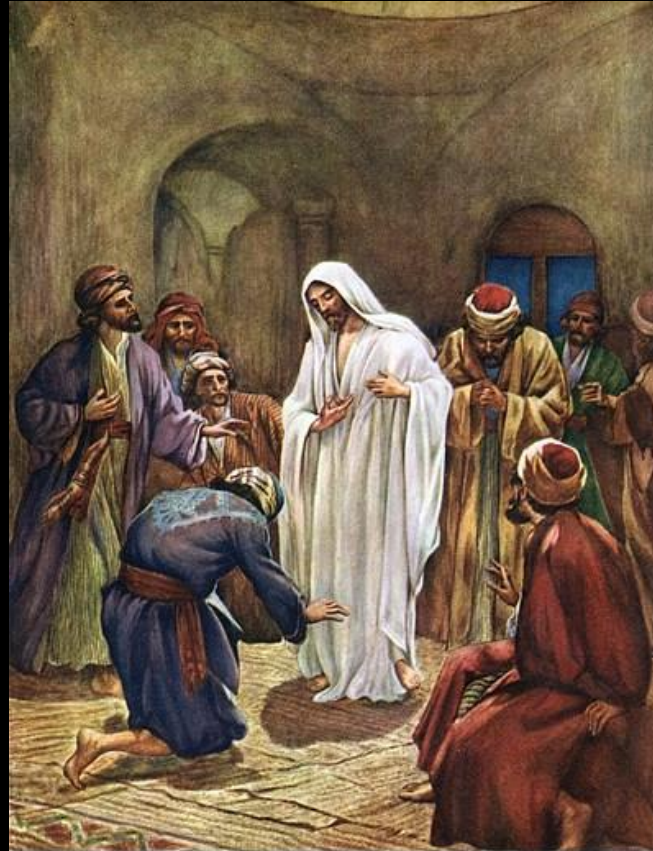
Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

I. Fear for Peace (20:19)



II. Sorrow for Joy (20:20)



Jesus appears to the disciples by William Hole

“Joy is not the absence of suffering, but the presence of God.” - Anonymous

II. Sorrow for Joy (20:20)

A. Christ's promises

John 16:22

And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

1 Peter 1:8

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

II. Sorrow for Joy (20:20)

**“When it comes to joy,
you can be the devil’s
victim or Christ’s
victor.” - Anonymous**

II. Sorrow for Joy (20:20)



Joy is an issue of focus

III. Meaninglessness for Purpose (20:21, 23)

A. From not knowing what to do to having a purpose in life

1. Living with a sense of divine purpose enables one to reach their full potential

“A purpose is not a goal, A goal is something that can be reached A purpose is never achieved. It exists before you and lives on after you’re gone, Purpose is a direction - like west. No matter how far you go, there’s still more west to travel . . . You use purpose to set your course in life. It’s the quality around which you center yourself.” - Richard J. Leider & David A. Shapiro,

Repacking Your Bags

III. Meaninglessness for Purpose (20:21, 23)

B. Based on God's authority (v 23)

Matthew 16:19

And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Matthew 18:18

Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

III. Meaninglessness for Purpose (20:21, 23)

**Our Responsibility Lies
With Spreading the
Gospel**

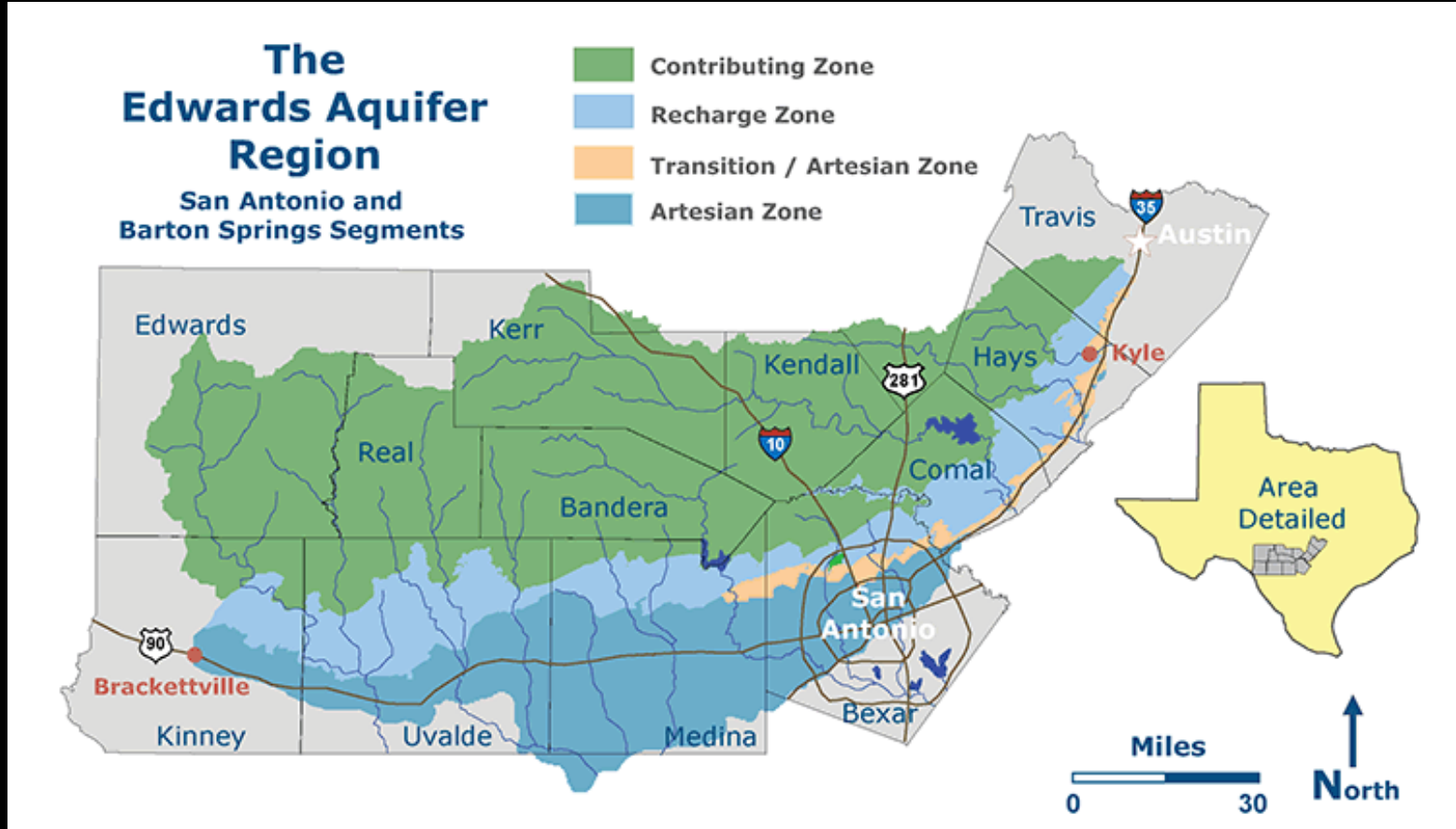
IV. Weakness for Power (20:22)

A. They receive the power of God

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

IV. Weakness for Power (20:22)



IV. Weakness for Power – 20:22

B. On our own it is easy to fall into sin and difficult to rise to victory.

C. But by the power of the Spirit falling into sin is made difficult and rising to victory is made easy