

## **MOVING BEYOND**

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John 20:19-31

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### **INTRODUCTION: GETTING SOMEWHERE**

Roller coasters are very exciting, but they aren't much else.

#### **Colossians 1:9b, 10**

We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God

Ephesians 4:11-16

**Proposition:** Christ rose again so that His followers would find life and purpose.

### **I. A NECESSARY PREREQUISITE, V. 19**

Move beyond human fear.

## **II. A GRAND PURPOSE, VV. 20-25**

Once we move past fear and doubt, We move toward a grand purpose.

### **1 Peter 2:9**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

### **Luke 24:44, 45**

Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

### **A. I'M SENDING YOU...**

John 17:8

### **B. ...IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT...**

### **C. ...WITH A MESSAGE OF FORGIVENESS AND PUNISHMENT**

### **Acts 8:23**

For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity.

### **Acts 10:43**

Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.

**Point:** We move beyond doubt and fear to accomplish the grand purpose of evangelism.

### **III. A KEY PRINCIPLE**

We must move beyond human experience.

John 11:16; 14:5

1 Peter 1:6-9

Our faith doesn't rest on an experience, but on a message.

### **IV. AN AMAZING PRODUCT**

Move toward an amazing result.

Romans 10:17

The theme of life began in John 1.

John 1:4; 3:15, 16; 4:14; 5:24; 6:33; 10:10; 14:6

Our ability to believe in Christ is in direct correlation to living a life with love, absent worry, fear and despair.

#### **1 John 1:20**

And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

### **Revelation 21:3, 4**

And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

**Point:** We move beyond experience to know true life by faith.

### **CONCLUSION: MOVING BEYOND**

#### **APPLICATION:**

? Are you hindered by fear and doubt? Or are you, by the Spirit's power, sharing the message of faith and doubt, forgiveness and damnation?

? Are you looking for an experience, something to prove to you that Jesus is real? Or are you living by faith in fullness of life?