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Your greatest witness right here and now may not be your goodness. It might actually be his grace despite your badness and the power of his grace at work in you.

REACT

We know how the story of redemption ends. The ending is striking not just for what will be in the new creation, but also for what will not be there. John writes about this in Revelation:

“God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”

—Revelation 21:3-4

What is on your list of things you will not miss in eternity? Pain, sorrow, death, suffering, depression, rejection, broken bones, abuse, and loneliness are just the beginning of what will be missing.

But even before eternity, Jesus is at work in and through us to establish his kingdom here on earth. Before returning to Heaven, Jesus promised to be with all who trust in him until the very end of the ages. He fulfills this promise through the Holy Spirit.





THINK ABOUT HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE. DO YOUR WORDS AND ACTIONS CAUSE PEOPLE TO WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT GOD?

REFLECT

"And the one sitting on the throne said, 'Look, I am making everything new!'" —Revelation 21:5

How is God making you new?

Does your life reflect this incredible transformation that Jesus is accomplishing in you through the Holy Spirit?

Are you proclaiming the triumph over death that Jesus purchased for each of us?

RESPOND

As you experience Jesus' victory over death, God will begin to reveal to you the people and situations where he is calling you to bring his kingdom to earth. Because of Jesus' promise to be with you every moment, you can access his discernment and power.

This is Jesus' charge or commission to his followers:

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." —Matthew 28:19-20

Today, you bear God's image as he fulfills his promise to make all things new, not only at the end of the ages, but today also.

REVIEW

- Because you know the end of the story, the way you live today changes.
- Jesus has promised to be with all who believe in him through the Holy Spirit.
- God is extending his kingdom through you as you bring his love to those around you.



MEMORIZE

"OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, MAY YOUR NAME BE KEPT HOLY. MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME SOON. MAY YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN." —MATTHEW 6:9-10

ACTION STEPS

- Take a moment to write down what God's kingdom is like. Include both the suffering that is missing as well as the glory that is present.
- Pray and ask God what your unique role is in bringing his kingdom to earth.
- Ask God to renew you each day so that you may reflect his glory and draw others to his kingdom.