

NEVER GOING BACK

Have you ever made a “never going back” statement.

John 20:19 - That Sunday evening^[b] the disciples were meeting **behind locked doors** because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said. (NLT)

You watching: Do you think you are beyond His reach? You are hiding in fear? I have good news for you! If you are hearing this... The gospel has gone into your space, behind your locked doors, into your home!

John 20:20-22 – ²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! ²¹ Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” ²² Then he **breathed** on them and said, “**Receive the Holy Spirit.**” (NLT)

Isaiah 61: 1-2 – The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

- Which means this is also why we are sent!
- I can't do that ... not based on my own talents, or gifts, nor my own abilities...
- EXACTLY! VS. 22 – He breathed on them

- This is the exact same **breathe** that God breathed into Adam in Genesis 2:7 – NEW life, FRESH life.
- Distinguishable, the breath of LIFE and the wind of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2 which brings POWER.
- Order: He gave them (breathe) life, then He gave them (Holy Spirit) the helper – the Power of HS.

2 Corinthians 5:17 – This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a **new** person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! (NLT)

Acts 10:15 – And the voice came to him again a second time, “**What God has made clean, do not call common.**” (ESV)

Colossians 1:27-29 – ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me. (ESV)

Total surrender to Christ means – I don’t want it if you’re not in it.

We want to be a church that doesn’t operate in what was
 We do not serve the “Great I Was” – We serve the “Great I AM”

I do not want “Same as before” God has positioned us “For something MORE.”

1 Corinthians 1:18 – ¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness [absurd and illogical] to those who are perishing *and* spiritually dead [because they reject it], but to us who are being saved [by God’s grace] it is [the manifestation of] the power of God. (AMP)

Ephesians 4:20-24 – ²⁰⁻²⁴ But that’s no life for you. You learned Christ! My assumption is that you have paid careful attention to him, been well instructed in the truth precisely as we have it in Jesus. Since, then, we do not have the excuse of ignorance, ***everything—and I do mean everything—connected with that old way of life has to go. It’s rotten through and through. Get rid of it!*** And then take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you. **(MSG)**

It is not common for a man to have the spirit of God... That is the very thing that sets us apart from ALL the world.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Q. What is one area in my life that I can recognize I have locked up?

Q. What does new life in Christ look like?

Q. What could my “something more” be?