



Rhythm - Easter 2020 - We Shall Rise

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Conversation Guide:

Create a meaningful conversation. Feel free to adjust the questions as needed.

- ◆ How have you viewed grace throughout your life? As a child, what was communicated to you about grace? If you were raised in the church, were you taught grace or to follow the rules [legalism]?
- ◆ Jesus and God the Father, through the Holy Spirit's power, lived in such rhythm that redemption was made possible. We gain Jesus' rhythm with the Father by receiving His **R**egenerating grace, **I**ndwelling grace, **S**ustaining grace, and **E**xpressing grace.
- ◆ Read **Ephesians 2:1-6**. Before you met Christ, who were you? Verse 4 says, "But God..." What does God do, and how does it change you?
- ◆ Read **Galatians 2:20-21**. What does Paul mean when he says, "I no longer live, but Christ lives in me"? How does this indwelling grace empower you?
- ◆ Read **2 Corinthians 12:7-10**. How does God show up in your weakness? How has God's grace sustained you during difficult times in your life? Knowing that God's power is perfected in your weakness, does this help you to embrace your weakness rather than hide it?
- ◆ Read **Colossians 1:24-29**. How did God express grace to the Jews and the Gentiles? Focus on vs. 29. What important distinction does Paul make here? He labors not in his own strength, but in God's strength.
- ◆ One focus of the new *Rhythm* series will be to dance to the rhythm of God's grace. Be praying for God to show you how to dance in His grace. You may even want to have a small group dance party. 😊

Soul-tattoo: Give your life to Jesus and R.I.S.E.!

Action: Watch the *Rhythm* series and work through the Conversation Guide for each sermon.

King Jesus,
Just as You rose from the grave,
I, too, shall rise from the grave.
Death could not keep You; it cannot keep me.
The grave could not hold You; it cannot hold me.
Your life is my life.
Therefore, I shall rise from the grave of idolatry, unforgiveness, and selfishness.
Your eternal life is mine.
Your unceasing love is mine.
Your unending grace is mine.
Your hope-giving peace is mine.
Your mission is mine.
In Jesus' name, Amen.