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New Normal

The Moment We are In and the Mission We are On

John 20:19-21

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you"

1. Fear is Always the Opposite of Faith

John 20:19a

"On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders,..."

2. Peace is Always the Christian Response

John 20:19b

...Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

3. The Cross is Always Our Hope and Motivation

John 20:20

After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Romans 14:8

If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

4. We always Go Because Jesus Came to Us

John 20:21

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Isaiah 6:8

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"*