

# MOUNTAINSTREAMNEWS

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## THE POWER THAT RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Romans 8:11*  
*"If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."*

The resurrection of Jesus Christ provides power for Christians to live consistently holy lives.

Christians are locked in an intense daily struggle with the temptation to sin. We desire to do right, but often find ourselves overrun by evil. Paul describes this distressing dilemma in Romans 7, and then points out in Chapter 8 that victory is indeed possible. Daily victory over

sin is possible because the Holy Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead resides in the Christian!

Many Christians fail to grasp and apply the implications of this powerful truth because of the deep-rooted sinful patterns we developed before we came to Christ. These sinful habits and patterns continue to ambush and occasionally overpower us, thus making us feel powerless and defeated. But the Christian can embark on a path of growing victory over sin! While the battle will be ongoing as long as we are in this world, victory is possible. This is so because the Holy Spirit lives in us. The same Holy Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead.

The power of the Spirit that was able to pry open the stubborn, icy hands of death and return life to Jesus' crucified body is able to give life to our bodies – that is, give us the capability to resist and overcome sin. Previously, we

were slaves to sin – compelled to obey its every whim. Now, because of the relationship the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ allows us to have with Him, we are capable of saying no to sin. We can refuse to let sin bully us and dominate us. This incredible spiritual reality is not an automatic experience, though. We grow in our mastery over sin as we choose to believe God's declaration that we can overcome it, surrender to the Spirit, and strive to obey God's word.

May God help us to embrace our responsibility in this transaction so that we can unleash the full force of the power that raised Jesus from the dead into our daily struggle with sin.

God bless you,

Pastor James

### IN EVERY SEASON AND IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT

**Every Weakness  
you have is an opportunity  
for God to show  
His strength in your life.**

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.  
2 Corinthians 12:9

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<b>CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM</b>	<b>MONTHLY EVENING SERVICE EVERY 3RD SUN @ 6 PM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM</b>
<b>April 6</b> Join us via Zoom video Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com	<b>April 18</b> Please contact us by phone (570 856 3310) or email (mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com or rcantio@gmail.com) for login information.	<b>April 11</b> In-person service and livestream. Livestreaming only on Facebook and our church's website.
<b>QUICK TIPS</b>	<b>YOUTH GROUP FRI @ 6:45 PM</b>	<b>VIRTUAL KIDZONE SUN @ 4 PM</b>
<b>Two ways to give your offering.</b> Traditional with a check by mail or through our secured website online giving is now possible. Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!	<b>April 9</b> Youth meetings are in-person at church.	<b>April 11</b> Kidzone is available every Sunday. Contact Candice at candicebrich@gmail.com for log on information.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Men's Breakfast Saturday @ 9 am** at church. Invite a friend and bring an item or beverage to share for breakfast.
- The **Church's Quarterly Members meeting** will be on **Sunday, April 18th** immediately following the morning service.
- **Help Streamside!** Streamside Camp & Conference Center will be felling some trees on Tuesday (April 6). They need help to remove the resulting brush. Please come any time between 11 am and 4 pm for as long as you are able.
- The **2021 Church Directory** will be published soon, if you need to update your information or want to be included please visit our website, click the **ABOUT** button at the top of the page or use this convenient link.
- **Bible reading plans for 2021** are available at the Information Table and on our website. Pick up a copy or download one today. Also, please read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings.
- We are excited to have you at our in-person worship at 11 am on Sundays. Please call ahead to 570 856 3310 or email us at mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com to let us know you are coming.
- Through the generosity of your brothers and sisters, we are able to provide a **no contact mini pantry** in the trailer at the rear of the church building. Please help yourself to whatever you need at whatever time is convenient to you.
- Please see our webpage for detailed information on in-person gatherings.