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DEVOTIONALS

Sermon: "From the Cross to Commission"

PASTOR TYRONE KING

Day 1: Remembering Your Rescue

Devotional: Mary Magdalene understood something profound about gratitude. She had been delivered from seven demons, and this deliverance shaped everything about how she followed Jesus. While other disciples scattered when things got difficult, Mary stayed close to the cross. Her devotion wasn't based on emotion or obligation—it was rooted in remembering what Jesus had rescued her from. We all have a rescue story. Maybe it wasn't seven demons, but Jesus has delivered each of us from something—sin, shame, addiction, despair, or spiritual death. The problem is, we often forget. We get comfortable in our salvation and lose sight of the magnitude of what Christ accomplished for us on the cross. Mary's faithfulness challenges us to remember our own deliverance. When we truly grasp what we've been saved from and what we've been saved to, it transforms our devotion. It changes how we worship, how we serve, and how we stay committed when following Jesus gets difficult. Your rescue story is the foundation of your faith journey.

Bible Verse: 'This is what the Lord says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go."' - Isaiah 48:17

Reflection Question: What specific things has Jesus rescued you from, and how does remembering your deliverance impact your daily devotion to Him?

Quote: Those who have been greatly delivered often have the greatest devotion unto the Lord Jesus.

Prayer: Lord, help me never forget what You've rescued me from. Keep my heart grateful and my devotion strong as I remember the cross and what it accomplished in my life.



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Day 2: The Foundation of Everything

Devotional: Before Mary could become a witness, she had to be saved. Before she could tell others about Jesus, she had to experience His deliverance personally. The cross wasn't just a historical event for Mary—it was the moment her life was transformed from darkness to light. The same is true for us. We cannot give what we don't have. We cannot share a salvation we haven't experienced. The cross must be personal before it can be powerful in our witness to others. This isn't about religious activity or church attendance—it's about genuine transformation that comes only through Jesus Christ. Many people try to help others or make a difference in the world without first being changed themselves. But lasting impact comes from authentic transformation. When we truly understand that salvation comes only through the cross, it changes everything about how we approach life and ministry. We stop trying to fix ourselves and others through human effort and start pointing people to the only source of real change—Jesus Christ. Your personal encounter with the cross becomes the foundation for everything else God wants to do through your life.

Bible Verse: 'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' - Acts 1:8

Reflection Question: How has your personal encounter with the cross changed you, and how does this transformation give you confidence to share with others?

Quote: Before we can go (to Heaven), we must be saved. And it's only by the Cross that salvation was brought to us.

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for the cross and the salvation it brought to my life. Help me never take for granted the foundation You've given me for everything else.



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Day 3: Living in Victory

Devotional: Mary Magdalene experienced something incredible—the same Jesus who had cast seven demons out of her life was now risen from the dead. The power that had delivered her was the same power that conquered death itself. This wasn't just a nice story for Mary; it was proof that the victory she had experienced was real and lasting. As believers, we have access to this same resurrection power. Yet many of us live as if we're still defeated, still bound by the very things Jesus has already set us free from. We chase after temporary solutions for peace, fulfillment, and purpose when we have direct access to the Prince of Peace living within us. The truth is, you're already victorious. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead lives in you. You don't have to live in defeat, anxiety, or bondage. You don't have to be controlled by your past, your circumstances, or your fears. The resurrection power of Jesus is available to you right now, in whatever situation you're facing. Mary understood this reality, and it's why she could move from mourning to mission. When you truly grasp the victory you have in Christ, it changes how you face every challenge.

Bible Verse: 'He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.'" - Mark 16:15-18

Reflection Question: In what areas of your life are you living in defeat instead of embracing the victory you already have in Christ?

Prayer: Holy Spirit, help me live in the reality of the resurrection power within me. Show me where I'm accepting defeat instead of walking in victory.



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Day 4: From Weeping to Witnessing

Devotional: Mary's transformation is remarkable. She went from weeping at the tomb to becoming the first person to witness the resurrection. Her encounter with the risen Jesus didn't just comfort her—it commissioned her. She moved from mourning to mission, from personal pain to powerful purpose. This is the natural progression of every genuine encounter with Jesus. When we truly experience His presence and power, we can't help but tell others. Our personal testimony becomes our greatest tool for reaching people with the gospel. People might argue with theology, but they can't argue with your story of transformation. Your encounter with Jesus produces your assignment. The very experiences that once brought you pain can become the platform for your purpose. The areas where you've experienced God's deliverance become the areas where you can most effectively minister to others. Mary shows us that staying close to Jesus—even in difficult times—positions us to be used by Him in powerful ways. When we remain faithful in the hard seasons, we often find ourselves in the perfect position to receive and share His message with others.

Bible Verse: 'Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."' - Mark 16:14-15

Reflection Question: How has your personal encounter with Jesus equipped you to minister to others who are facing similar struggles you've overcome?

Prayer: Lord, help me see how my encounters with You have prepared me for assignment. Give me boldness to share my testimony with those who need to hear it.



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Day 5: Embracing Your Commission

Devotional: Mary Magdalene became the first messenger of the resurrection, but she wasn't the last. Every believer who has truly experienced the cross and encountered the risen Christ has been given the same commission—go and tell others about Jesus. This isn't just for pastors, missionaries, or those with seminary degrees. It's for every person who has been transformed by the gospel. Yet many Christians celebrate the resurrection but avoid the commission. We love the benefits of salvation but resist the responsibility that comes with it. We want the comfort of knowing Jesus without the challenge of making Him known to others. The truth is, if you've truly experienced the cross and the resurrection power of Jesus, you can't stay silent. Your encounter produces your assignment. You have a story to tell, a testimony to share, and people in your sphere of influence who need to hear about the Jesus who changed your life. You might not feel qualified or perfect enough, but God specializes in using imperfect people. Your personal story of deliverance and transformation is exactly what someone else needs to hear. The commission isn't about having all the answers—it's about sharing what Jesus has done in your life.

Bible Verse: 'Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.' - Joshua 1:8

Reflection Question: Who in your life needs to hear your testimony of what Jesus has done for you, and what's holding you back from sharing it with them?

Prayer: Father, give me courage to embrace the commission You've given me. Help me see the opportunities around me to share Your love and my testimony with others.