

Sermon Notes
Sunday, August 1, 2021

“Running On Empty” Series
JESUS RESTORES US WHEN WERE EMPTY – Part 2
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John 20:19-29 (NIV)

Part 1 – July 25, 2021

WHEN YOU'RE EMPTY... HELPLESS... RUNNING ON EMPTY, JESUS ...

1. **MEETS** you where you are.

(v. 19): *"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!"*

2. **GIVES** you His encouragement.

(v. 19b): *"... Peace be with you!"*

PHIL. 4:6-7 (NCV) -- "Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks.. And God's peace—which is so great that we cannot understand it—will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

3. **SHOWS** you His love.

(v. 20): *"After he said this, he (Jesus) said this, he showed them his hands... and side.... The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord."*

ROMANS. 5:8 (NLT) -- "God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."

4. **OFFERS** you forgiveness.

(v. 23): JESUS SAID: *"If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."*

"Hurting people hurt people"... "Forgiven people forgive people."

Psalm 32:1-2 (NLT) -- *"Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty!"*

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5. _____ you with His Spirit.

(v. 22): "Then Jesus breathed on them and He said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

2 TIM. 1:7 (ESV)—"God gave us a spirit—not of fear, but of power and love and self-control."

6. _____ you a new reason to live.

(v. 21): "Again, Jesus said, "Peace be with you!" [2nd time] "... As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you."

7. _____ you believe in Him.

(vv. 24-28): “Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord!’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.’ A week later his disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them this time. Though the doors were locked Jesus came in and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you...’ [3rd time] ”... Then he said to Thomas ‘Put your finger here; see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe.’ Thomas said to Him, ‘My Lord and my God.’”

(v. 29): “Then Jesus told him, ‘(Thomas) Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’”

“YOU...can’t go back and change your past;
BUT...you can today—with Christ, MAKE...a brand-new end.”