

**MSG: PREREQUISITES TO LIVING
SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:1-7 NLT
A REVIVAL EASTER**

Luke 24:1-8 NLT

“But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. So they went in, but they didn’t find the body of the Lord Jesus. As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, “Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day. “Then they remembered that he had said this.”

1. A PREREQUISITE TO LIVING IS DESPAIR

Luke 23:48-49 NLT

“And when all the crowd that came to see the crucifixion saw what had happened, they went home in deep sorrow.

**DESPAIR MAKES YOU DESPERATE,
BUT REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE**

**DESPAIR MAKES YOU DEJECTED
BUT REMEMBER WHO JESUS IS!**

John 14:6 NIV

“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

2. A PREREQUISITE TO LIVING IS DOUBT

Luke 24:5 NLT

“The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, “Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive?”

**DOUBT MAKES YOU DISBELIEVE,
BUT REMEMBER WHAT YOU SAID**

Luke 22:31-33 NLT

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers.” Peter said, “Lord, I am ready to go to prison with you, and even to die with you.””

**DOUBT MAKES YOU DESPONDENT
BUT REMEMBER WHAT JESUS SAID**

Luke 24:10-11 NLT

“It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened. But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn’t believe it.”

3. A PREREQUISITE TO LIVING IS DEATH

Luke 24:6-7 NLT

“He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day.”

**DEATH MAKES YOU DESTRUCTIVE,
BUT REMEMBER WHAT YOU DID**

Psalms 1:6 NLT

“For the Lord watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.”

**DEATH MAKES YOU DEFEATED,
BUT REMEMBER WHAT JESUS DID**

Revelation 1:18 NIV

“I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.”

Romans 6:23 NIV

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 5:8 NIV

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

John 11:25-26 NIV

“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”