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INVESTING YOUR LIFE THROUGH SACRIFICE Investing Your Life

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"All I want to know is Christ and experience the power of His resurrection." Phil. 3:10

"I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great His power is to help those who believe Him, the same might power who raised Christ from the dead." Eph. 1:20

The word "power" is used in the New Testament 57 times.

It was Jesus Christ's sacrifice that gives us the power to invest our lives.

INVESTING YOUR LIFE THROUGH SACRIFICE WILL:

1. HELP YOU TO MOVE BEYOND YOUR PAST.

"He has forgiven all our sins and cancelled every record of the debt we had to pay." Col. 3:14.

Jesus did not come to rub it in – He came to rub it out.

"I didn't come to condemn the world...I came to save it." John 3:17

"I will remember their sins no more." Jeremiah 31:34

WHAT IS THE BASIS FOR THIS FORGIVENESS?

"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1

2. HELP YOU TO CONQUER YOUR PROBLEMS.

"Who should separate us from the love of Christ. Shall trouble or hardship or danger? No, in all of these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loves us." Romans 8:35, 37

Circumstances are like a mattress. You get on top and you rest easy. You get underneath and you suffocate.

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The fact is we can't control our circumstances, but we can control how we respond to them.

God loves to turn crucifixions into resurrections. The same power that enabled Jesus Christ to rise from the dead, will allow you to rise over your problems.

3. HELP YOU TO CHANGE YOUR PERSONALITY

"Don't let the world squeeze you into its mold, but let God remake you so that your whole attitude of mind is changed." Romans 12:2

"When the Holy Spirit controls our lives, He will produce this kind of fruit – love, joy peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Galatians 5:22,23.

There is one thing that will keep you from changing – not the devil, not other people, not circumstances – but PROCRASTINATION.

We procrastinate and put off making changes that would be good for us.

The hardest thing in life is to get going.