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- **Acts 1:1-3** 1 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,
- 2 until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen,
- 3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

# After the Suffering

- KJV – After His passion (suffering)
- Before suffering – all is normal we just go along in life
- During suffering – we are in survival mode, we just want to endure, get through it
- What do you do after the suffering is over?
- There are many books about how to endure the suffering; many books trying to explain why suffering exists
- No book about what do after the crisis is over.

# CONTINUE TO LIVE

- **Acts 1:3** to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.
- He was seen
- He was alive
- He taught
- He assembled with apostles

# CONTINUE TO LIVE

- **After the suffering is over:**
  - Get out – be seen in public places – church, stores, public events
  - You are still alive – look alive
  - Teach others what you learned
  - Worship God, Praise God for His help

# CONTINUE TO PLAN

- **Acts 1:6-8** 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"
- 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.
- 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

# CONTINUE TO PLAN

- Jesus still had plans:
- Establish a kingdom (church)
- Send power of the Holy Spirit
- Send message to all the earth

# CONTINUE TO PLAN

- After your suffering is over - PLAN
- Tomorrow
- Your family, marriage, children
- Spiritual work, service in the church
- Eternity



# CONTINUE TO RISE

- **Acts 1:9-10** 9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.
- 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel

# CONTINUE TO RISE

- Jesus:
  - ☐ Rose from the grave
  - ☐ Went up the mount of Olives
  - ☐ Was taken up in the clouds
  - ☐ Out of sight – into heaven

# CONTINUE TO RISE

- When the suffering is over - RISE
  - ☰ Phoenix – Rise out of the ashes
  - ☰ Rise out of the suffering
  - ☰ Rise to the top of the mountain
  - ☰ Rise through the clouds
  - ☰ Rise to heaven

# CONTINUE TO HOPE

- **Acts 1:10-11** 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,
- 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

# CONTINUE TO HOPE

- After the ascension:
  - ☐ Two men (angels) came
  - ☐ Why are you looking in clouds?
  - ☐ He is coming back

# CONTINUE TO HOPE

- We must learn to hope
  - ☐ When all else is lost – hope!
  - ☐ Look up – This is the source of our strength (Psalm 46:1)
  - ☐ We are not forgotten or forsaken