"Easter 2025"

April 20, 2025

1. Life is full of options & choices.

- (1) In our career paths.
- (2) In our *relational* choices.
- (3) In our *educational* opportunities.
- (4) In our *health* & *fitness*.
- (5) In our *investment* life.
- (6) In our hobbies & personal interests.
- (7) In our future *dreams* & *passions*.
- (8) In our *spiritual* life To have one or not.

2. Jesus is available to everyone.

John 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Rom 10:9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

3. His availability can *move* to *connection*. (1) The *door* to His availability can be *opened*.

Matt 7:7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

(2) He's available to those who seek Him.

Jeremiah 29:13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

(3) Seeking God is good for *us* & *others*.

Ps 27:4 One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

4. Jesus offers *hope* beyond my grave.

(1) I can live even after I experience death.

1 John 5:13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. 14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

(2) I can have real confidence in heaven.

1 Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

(3) I can remain *positive* even in *difficulty*.

2 Cor 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

John 4:13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"