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A Tale of Two Teams: Releasing the Power of the Resurrection

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WARM UP QUESTION: Have you ever lost your sense of purpose about something you were passionate for? Did you get it back, and how?

READ: Acts 1:8, John 20:19-23, John 21:1-23

FOCUS: How did the small broken group of disciples after Jesus death become the team that revolutionised the world for Christ after His resurrection and ascension?

OBSERVE:

- **Pre-Resurrection disciples.** While Jesus was alive the 12 disciples spent a lot of time in-fighting, bragging, and jostling for position. They believed in Him and trusted Him, but they didn't really understand who Jesus was and what He must do, so they were demoralised and afraid when He died. They thought all was lost.
- **Post-Resurrection disciples:** During the 40 days between His resurrection and His ascension Jesus prepared and empowered His disciples for their new mission.
 - Defined them - *John 20:17*, He defined them as His brothers not just His disciples
 - Developed their faith - *John 20:19-21*, He appeared to them, and let them touch His wounds so they would know He was truly alive again. He reminded them of the mission He had for them.

- Directed them - *John 20:21*, He gave them purpose. He had not failed, He had achieved a great victory, and they were now to take this great news to the world.
- Dynamised them - *John 20:23*, He breathed on them and gave them the Holy Spirit to empower them to achieve the mission He had given them.
- Dealt with their pride, will, and defenses - *John 21:9-23*, Jesus addressed Peter's pride, will, and defences, to better prepare him for his new role.
- **KPIC is going through a transition from the foundational team to a new generation of leaders.** This is a time of change in our church, with new leaders starting a new chapter, being empowered to lead KPIC in accordance with God's will, guided by Jesus and the Holy Spirit, just as early disciples did.

REFLECT:

- Are there areas of pride, will, or offence that Jesus is prompting you to deal with?
- How can our church stay true to God's purpose as we go through generational leadership change?

TAKE ACTION:

- Identify an area of pride, will, or offence, pray about it, and take action to correct it.
- Pray for God to strengthen your purpose to serve Him, and for direction how best to do it.

PRAY:

Lord, thank You that You have made us family for believing in Your Son and following Him. Thank you for being patient and merciful with us, and sending the Holy Spirit to provide us wisdom and direction. Amen.

