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The Language of Resurrection Power May 15, 2108 Suzi Armstrong

Romans 8.11 tells us that the very power, resurrection power, that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in our mortal bodies. Resurrection power gives LIFE to our bodies through His Spirit who LIVES in us! The Spirit of God is the agent of life and the word of God is the means of giving life. Jesus is the living word from the beginning. Resurrection power is a place of a miraculous new beginning with the ability to sustain. At the center of resurrection power is the risen Christ. Hebrews 1.3 says that all things are sustained by His powerful word. There is a language of resurrection power. It is the language of truth – reality as our Father defines it.



We carry resurrection power in us by the Spirit of Christ in us, the hope of glory. We have been given the ability to release or impart resurrection life. We do this through speaking life, declaring God's kingdom come and His will be done in situations and circumstances, in people's lives and in our cities and nations. This is part of the church's stewardship of tending the earth, causing the earth to prosper and flourish according to God's purposes and timing. Romans 8 goes on to instruct us that the creation (cities, nations, the land) itself groans for the sons of God to arise and take their place.

Why? So that creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. Creation itself is crying out for resurrection power to be released to it – this resurrection power will be imparted through speaking the language of resurrection.



The language of resurrection power is the language that says God is able; His arm is not too short – He is mighty in power. The earth is His and everything in it. His voice announces His coming and the earth shakes as structures and institutions of death are confronted and toppled. His voice strikes with precision, expanding His kingdom. He roars over Detroit resounding the sound of resurrection life.

In Christ we have been given fullness and He is the head over every power and authority. For Christ has disarmed the powers and authorities making a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the power of the cross. The enemy has been defeated! The language of resurrection power is the language of victory! Detroit belongs to the Lord!!

John 14.11-13 NKJV

¹¹ **Believe Me** that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

¹² **Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.** ¹³ **And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.**

- Speaking to our city – imparting resurrection life into our city – is one of the greater works.
- Imparting resurrection life to Detroit is done out of the finished work of the cross. It is through the cross that resurrection power came. And that power is in us! We are to impart resurrection power by speaking the word that God puts in our heart and mouth.

- Resurrection power brings new life. It changes everything. It changes the spiritual governing power that is operating in the land to God's governance. This is what happens when God's kingdom comes – there is a change of government. The earth is crying out to return to the governing power of the Almighty. It is crying out for resurrection life.
- The language of resurrection power is a language of breakthrough, a language of calling forth the manifestation of God's will and heart.
- That language has been given to us to speak – we speak it by the power of Holy Spirit, by revelation knowledge.

John 5.19-21 TPT

¹⁹ So Jesus said, "I speak to you timeless truth. **The Son is not able to do anything from himself or through my own initiative. I only do the works that I see the Father doing,** for the Son does the same works as his Father.

²⁰ "Because the Father loves his Son so much, he always reveals to me everything that he is about to do. And **you will all be amazed when he shows me even greater works than what you've seen so far!**

²¹ For **just like the Father has power to raise the dead, the Son will raise the dead and give life to whomever he wants.**

- We speak to our city and declare to Detroit, you will live and not die.
- We declare that you are being liberated from the bondage of decay and decline; everything that separates you from life of God is being removed.

We speak healing words – Words of resurrection life – that offer fruit from the Tree of Life.



Proverbs 4.20-22 TPT reworded for Detroit

²⁰ **Listen carefully, my city Detroit,** to everything that I speak to you, and **pay attention** to all that I have to say.

²¹ For **I am filling you with my words** until they penetrate deep into your land and the structures in this city.

²² Then, as the reality of my words bring new life, **they will impart true life and radiant health into the very core of this city.**

Psalms 27.13-14 TPT reworded for Detroit

¹³ **Detroit, totally trust God** to rescue you one more time, so that you can see once again how good God is!

¹⁴ Here's what you need to know, Detroit, through it all:

Don't give up; don't be impatient; be entwined as one with the Lord and His resurrection power at work in you.

Be brave and courageous, and never lose hope.

Yes, keep on waiting—for he will never disappoint you!

Isaiah 30.20-22 NIV reworded for Detroit

²⁰ Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction Detroit, **your deliverance will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see.** ²¹ Whether you turn to the right or to the left, **your ears, Detroit, will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."** ²² Then **you will desecrate your idols** overlaid with silver and your images covered with gold; you will throw them away like a menstrual cloth and say to them, "Away with you!"

Isaiah 40.8-10 NIV reworded for Detroit

⁸ "The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but **the word of our God endures forever.**"

⁹ You who bring good news to Detroit,
go high upon the mountain of God.

You who bring good news to Detroit
**lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid;
say to the towns of this region,
"Here is your God!"**

¹⁰ See, **the Sovereign LORD comes with power,**
and he rules with a mighty arm.
See, his reward is with him,
and his recompense accompanies him.

