

# ON DISPLAY! DOUG REED // APRIL 21, 2019

A Stone and Veil!

John 3:16-17 NIV

God's True Love On Display. Will we accept it?

Towel and Basin. Donkey and Palm Branches. Handcuffs and Nails. Stone and Veil.

On Display: A Stone and A Veil!

When our world rolls a stone in front of us, seals us in and leaves us for dead, it's then that God victoriously breaks the seal, rolls away the stone and gives us new life!

Luke 24:5b-6a NIV

Down, but not out! Have we forgotten the '...but not out' part?

With God-we might be down, but definitely not out!

Psalm 18:4-6.16-18 NIV

When our world leaves us for dead, it's then that God tears the veil, breaks the seal, rolls away the stone and gives new life!

Have we forgotten this truth?

Luke 24:5b-6a NIV

Are we still looking for the living among the dead?

2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

I'm Free! In Christ Jesus, I'm a new creation! I have new life!

When our world leaves us for dead, it's then that God tears the veil, breaks the seal, rolls away the stone and gives new life!

Matthew 27:50-51 NIV

What's our life's veil-our life's sin, that we need God to tear apart?

Hebrews 10:19-20 NLT Mark 16:1-7a NIV

What's our life's stone, our life's struggles, that we need God to roll away? Mark 10:27 NIV

Before Jesus could experience the triumphant victory of the resurrection, He had to first humbly surrender to death on the cross-for us!

1 Corinthians 15:20-22,55 and 57 NIV

Down, but not out!

Jesus' Death = Our Freedom! Jesus' Resurrection = Our Victory!

My Name is Jesus Christ! The Lamb of God. The Lion of Judah. The Alpha and Omega! The First and Last! The Beginning and End! The Resurrection and The Life! The great I Am, so Satan scram!

1 John 4:4 and 5:4-5 NIV I believe! Do you?

God still tears apart our life's veil—our sin, that separates us from Himself. Will we let Him?

God still rolls away our life stones—our struggles, and raises us to new life! Will we let Him?

"God, roll away this stone—my struggle that shrouds; tear apart this veil—my sin that separates!"

John 3:16-17 NIV

God's Love On Display. Will we accept it today? If so, we can say...

I'm Free! In Christ Jesus, I'm a new creation! I have new life!

When our world leaves us for dead, it's then that God tears the veil, breaks the seal, rolls away the stone and gives new life!

### MEMORY VERSE

"... Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5b-6a NIV

### **REFLECT**

Questions to reflect on in your personal quiet time, with the family and/or in your Life Group.

- 1. Share your understanding of what the message was about.
- 2. Share what God said to us through the message.
- 3. How can we apply and integrate this message into our life?
- 4. Read Matthew 27:50-53 & Hebrews 10:19-20. What's our life veil—our life's sin, that we need God to tear apart?
- 5. Read Mark 16:1-7 & 10:27. What's our life's stone—our life's struggles, that we need God to roll away?
- 6. Read Luke 24:5-6 & 2 Corinthians 5:17. Say, "I'm Free! In Jesus, I have new life!"
- 7. Pray, "God, roll away this stone—my struggle that shrouds; tear apart this veil—my sin that separates!"

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### AFTER EASTER FEASTER

Join us next Sunday, April 28 at 12:45 PM for some family fun and a lot of food. We'll have a hamburger/hot dog lunch, a BBQ Contest, Corn Hole Tournament, water slides, bounce houses, and our pastors in a dunking booth. This fundraiser helps to sponsor students attending summer camp. Lunch Donation (suggested price \$5/person or \$20/family of 4 or more) BBQ Contest: \$5 to sample all and vote once and \$1 per ticket for additional to votes; Dunk Booth \$1/three balls.

**GRILL MASTERS NEEDED:** 

Are you great on the grill or with a smoker? Enter the After Easter Feaster BBQ Contest by signing up at the Connection Desk.

### WOMEN'S PRAYER EXPERIENCE

Ladies, join us on Thursday, May 2 for an interactive prayer experience at 6:30 PM in Bldg 400. We'll mix and mingle and then visit different rooms specifically designed for prayer with an element of interaction and an atmosphere of reflection.

### MEN'S MINISTRY KICK-OFF

Men. sign-up today for "The Non-Sense Games" on Saturday, May 11. This is fun, engaging event where guys can connect with each other, participate in activities, eat good food, and learn about the future of men's ministry at Central, including the 2019 calendar of events. Registration begins at 8:30 AM; Event starts at 9:00 AM