About – Blasting Power

Best Verse – Matthew 27:65, [Pilate said,] “Go make the tomb as secure as you know how.” So, the Romans locked down the tomb with a special watch for Jesus’ disciples who might steal His body. They sent a guard of as many as fifty soldiers that stood watch four soldiers at a time, every four hours. A huge, heavy stone was rolled down a carved ramp and in front of the tomb entry, and the Romans marked the closure with their official seal. Comical isn’t it? As if a mortal can prevent a supernatural act of God. No body and no thing was going to get in the way of the Heavenly Father raising His Son from the dead and completing the work of the salvation of humankind in the very moment it was foretold over 6,000 years of history. There was no rock so heavy nor man so crafty or strong in this world of three dimensions and Time to come against God’s eternal plan.

Commitment – Omnipotent God, we are puny, finite creatures and it is amazing that You have supplied the grace to save us. Forgive us for limiting Your infinite potential save even the worst of us…such as me. Clearly, we must love each other as You have loved us.

* Son-in-law’s grandpa died yesterday morning. Why wait to experience Jesus’ life?
About – Resurrection & Return

Best Verse – Matthew 28:2, “There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord can down from Heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.” I love his casual posture, sitting on the bolder exposing the empty tomb. I picture him with a broad smile of joy for Jesus’ triumph over death, enlivened by his earthquake entry, and even laughing out loud with the thought of the burly soldiers fainting at the sight of him. Then he turned to the women, the first witnesses of the resurrection miracle, to calm their fears and light their joy: “Jesus is not here. He has risen from the dead. Quick, go tell His disciples He is no longer dead!”

Commitment – Risen Lord, Your victory is the greatest news of all human history. Thanks to You, we have a great and solid hope for the future. I may pass through the valley of death, but on the other side, I will live as You live in the flesh. And, I may even be living at Your Return which is sure as Your resurrection!

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1 In my mind, Keith Green’s song is ringing in my head…”He has risen just as He said!”

* Karie and her husband, Sam announced: We’re going to be grandparents a third time!
About – Concerning Control

Best Verse – Matthew 28:11, “While the women were on their way, [to report to Jesus’ disciples about His resurrection] some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that happened.” They were afraid of capital execution. The chief priests feared losing their religious power. The local Roman magistrate feared losing his political power. They chose to maintain their power delusion. The reality of The Living God’s rule over all things naturally upsets our illusion of control and genuine fear nips at our heals. If the mind would turn to face that truth, then wisdom should bend the knee. The certainty of God’s existence must certainly influence our need to face Him. And when we do, we find Him willing to forgive and to give the life we feared we’d never find. It is the promise of the power of perfect Love. Give up control of this life to find God in control of eternity and His power to make the most of each passing day.

Commitment – Omnipotent/All-Powerful Savior, You have granted me very limited, finite dominion of very few things in this short and fragile life. I commit whatever I’ve been given to You for the day when You take it away.

Friday night, Elliott D. was a riot. He comes each week to bake with Chef Susie.
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About – Emmaus Emanation

Best Verse – Luke 24:27, “...[On the Emmaus Road, Jesus] explained to [Cleopas and the other disciple] what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself.” Imagine how enthralling it was to hear Jesus tell 4,000 years of biblical history foretelling his whole life: He would descend from a virgin born at a precise moment as a descendant of Abraham and David to reign on his thrown. His star would precede His birth in Bethlehem and He lived in Egypt then Nazareth. The Word promised Jesus would be preceded by a forerunner, a messenger. It said he would perform healing signs and redemptive deeds that would be acclaimed as God’s Son and Son of Man Who would come riding on a donkey in triumphal procession. Jesus would be subject to a murderous plot, betrayed for thirty silver pieces, scourged, crucified, pierced, rejected, and suffering, yet a willing sacrifice, Kinsman-Redeemer and Passover lamb. And in the end Jesus would be resurrected.

Commitment – Omniscient Word, You are not bound by Time, rather You rule over it and use it to hold the entire Story of our Savior and His salvation to Your unchanging Word.

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About – Sent Sends

Best Verse – John 20:21, [Jesus said.] “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” One thing leads to another. Jesus is sent. And Jesus sends. He sent Jesus to make peace. And He sends His disciples to do the same, to spread the peace that Jesus gives. What is the nature of that peace? A cross-reference is helpful here. See Luke 19:9-10 where Jesus says to Zacchaeus, “Today salvation has come to this house…for the Son of Man came to seek and save that which is lost.” Lost people don’t have genuine peace because they are naturally lost from the relationship with God for which He created them, and they are powerless to do anything about that which only Jesus can do through His death and resurrection/new life. Jesus has become our Source of Peace. If your soul has been saved by Him, then you have been remade to be a person who loves others as Jesus loves. In other words, you are a peacemaker. In gratitude for the peace Jesus gives us, by faith, our business is peacemaking with everyone who crosses our path today and every day. The Spirit of the Lord will use our peacemaking to draw others to Himself and their salvation.

Commitment – My Source of Peace, my Spirit rests in You. I invite You to re-create this peace between me and every other soul in my life. Teach me to love my enemies as You have loved me. I will forgive others as You have forgiven me.

Heard the heartbeat of Karie and Sam’s baby, their first child, our third grandkid!

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