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“Success is becoming the person God calls me to become, and doing what God calls me to do—in His way, and according to His timetable.”

PETER SCAZZERO, EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY DISCIPLESHIP

¹ After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, ²and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases:

LUKE 8:1-3

Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; ³ Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

LUKE 8:1-3

“Persons possessed with devils were unhappy; they found the gloom of the sepulchre to be their most congenial resort. They were unsocial and solitary. If they were permitted, they broke away from all those dear associations of the family circle which give half the charms to life:

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they delighted to wander in dry places, seeking rest and finding none: they were pictures of misery, images of woe.”

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²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

JOHN 19:25

BE WITH HIM

⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

JOHN 15:5

⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

MATTHEW 27:61

WAIT ON HIM

³¹ but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

ISAIAH 40:31 (ESV)

WAITING ON HIM...

- **Reminds us of His sufficiency and sovereignty.**
- **Gives God the opportunity to build our character.**
- **Reminds us to trust God in all things.**
- **Stretches our faith and deepens our relationship with God**

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,

JOHN 20:1-18

and we don't know where they have put him!" ³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:7

**⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.
⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)**

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⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen.

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¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. ¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

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**¹³ They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”
“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I
don’t know where they have put him.” ¹⁴ At this, she
turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but
she did not realize that it was Jesus.**

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¹⁵ He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

JOHN 20:1-18

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). ¹⁷ Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father.

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Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

JOHN 20:1-18

GO

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

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