

Easter with Seacoast: Graves into Gardens

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Read:

Genesis 3:23; Romans 5:12; Matthew 26:36-38, 45-46; John 19:41-42; John 10:10, 20:11-18, 31; Romans 8:11; 1 Peter 5:10-11

Reflect:

This Easter, we are reminded that in seasons of turmoil and uncertainty, Jesus' resurrection is proof that God can turn even the worst of situations for good. Pastor Josh Surratt shares how the power of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection can transform regret, betrayal, and finality into hope, forgiveness, and new life.

Graves into Gardens:

- 1. *The Garden of Eden Became a Grave of Regret***
 - a. Can you think of a "what if" moment that has become a "grave of regret" in your life? Explain.
- 2. *The Garden of Gethsemane Became a Grave of Betrayal***
 - a. *Most of us have experienced betrayal by a friend of loved one--how have you been blindsided by the "grave of betrayal"?*
- 3. *The Garden of Golgotha Became a Grave of Finality***
 - a. *Is there something happening in your life that feels like a "grave of finality"? How does it compare to the feelings the disciples must have felt burying Jesus?*
- 4. *The Grave of Regret Can Become a Garden of Hope***
 - a. *How can meditating on Jesus' resurrection foster hope that God has "great plans" for your life?*
- 5. *The Grave of Betrayal Can Become a Garden of Forgiveness***
 - a. *How does The Resurrection allow us to transform the "grave of betrayal" into a "garden of forgiveness"?*
- 6. *The Grave of Finality Can Become A Garden of New Life***
 - a. *In what ways does the knowledge that Jesus was risen from the grave give Christians "new life"?*

Response:

Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?