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**Date:** April 12, 2020

**Bible Focus:** 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

**Message Title:** Some Really Good News

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**2 Corinthians 1:8-11** - We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. <sup>9</sup> Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. <sup>10</sup> He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, <sup>11</sup> as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

**1. God** \_\_\_\_\_

**John 11:25-26** – "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

**2. God** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. God** \_\_\_\_\_

1. What's the best news that's come your way recently? How has that news impacted you?
2. How do you identify with Paul's hardships? Which of the following words are descriptive of the hardships you've faced recently - suffering, pressure, hopelessness, despair, death?
3. How does knowing that God raises the dead impact your outlook on life during today's uncertain times?
4. In what ways have you seen God raise you – or someone you know – mentally, emotionally, or spiritually from the dead?
5. Can you say with the Apostle Paul, "Difficult times brought me to a better place in my relationship with God"? How so?
6. In what ways does today's scripture focus, in the midst of the world's current condition, motivate you to rely in greater ways on the Lord?
7. For Paul, prayer and hope reflected his ongoing reliance on the Lord. How about you?
8. Complete this sentence: "This Easter, knowing that God raises the dead gives me \_\_\_\_\_." In what ways do you hope and pray this will impact what you believe and how you live?