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“I did not know if it would work. But I had to try. She was going in clean. She would have died, and I just could not let that happen. I could not live with myself for just letting someone die and not trying.”

(Gregory Robertson as quoted in *Time Magazine's* article “A Miraculous Sky Rescue,” May 4, 1987)







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Mark 16:1-8 (ESV): “When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 And they were saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?’ ...”

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“...4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 6 And he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified....”

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“...He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’ 8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.”

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Genesis 2:7-9 (ESV): “The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. 8 And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden.”

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Genesis 2:25 (ESV): “The man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.”

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Ecclesiastes 7:29 (ESV): “See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes.”

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Revelation 22:1-5 (ESV): “The river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. 4 They will see his face.”

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**GOD WILL ALWAYS
WIN;
IT'S JUST A MATTER OF
WHEN.**

MAIN POINT

1 Corinthians 15:54-57 (ESV): “Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?’ 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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John 11:25-26 (ESV): “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

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2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV): “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

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STOP

WAITING

FOR THE KINGDOM

AND

START

ADVOCATING

FOR IT.

APPLICATION

Luke 17:20-21 (ESV): “Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, ‘The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, 21 nor will they say, “Look, here it is!” or “There!” for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.’”

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2 Corinthians 5:19-20 (ESV): “God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.”

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Romans 14:17 (ESV): “The kingdom of God is...righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

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