

# Gospel Brunch: BLOG

Sunday May 4, 2025

## “Ushering in the Kingdom and the Coming King”

Just as a reminder that the blogs for the gospel brunch will be available by link on our website [lacialabriapizza.com](http://lacialabriapizza.com). This link will take you to my website [racetothekingdom.org](http://racetothekingdom.org) that I would love for you to enjoy the articles and podcasts available there.

Wow what amazing weather the Lord gave us in the month of May for the Gospel Brunch. I don't recall a more Spirit led intimate setting than the one we experienced together. With Jenn and Steve back again to lead us in worship and with great participation it made for a very memorable event.

The reality of the resurrection offer in our personal lives is the bedrock of our Christian faith and the hope that everyday we can receive abundant life in the Spirit of Christ. I shared my struggle from a young boy with my melancholy personality being a prison I could not break free from, yet by the grace of God and the power of resurrection in the Spirit, I have found tremendous daily breakthrough.

“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?””  
John 11:25-26 NKJV

As soon as I started to believe and accept the daily invitations from the Lord to “rise up to higher ground”, I began understanding what it means to live as an overcomer in Christ. The first change to my life was daily praising our God for who He is and my heart and mind were given a new “garment”;

“To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.””  
Isaiah 61:3 NKJV

Then, I learned that you cannot have resurrection in your life without death. Death to self was the key to rising to the life of God;

“He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.”  
Matthew 10:39 NKJV

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”  
John 12:24 ESV

“So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”  
Romans 6:11 ESV

Everyday is chalked full of opportunities to claim the death of Christ over my old life and live on higher ground by faith in my new self created in Christ Jesus for good works that God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. So much of the time I found myself dying to my

constant attention on myself instead of the things of God. Very much like Peter getting out of the boat and walking on water towards Jesus. The moments we fall are when we place our attention/eyes on something else or someone else!

I gave a testimony about my trip to visit the Kuna Indians in the jungles of Panama and witnessed Gods resurrection power over bodily death and sickness. I have come to the belief that these are done by God so that we might believe in Him and His Son whom He sent. These types of “resurrection” are actually not the important ones at this point in time. Lazarus got to come back to physical life again only to die physically another day. The purpose is that we would know God and place our faith in Him to serve Him with our remaining days;

“Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.””

John 11:40-42 ESV

“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.”

Philippians 1:21-22 ESV

May we keep on dying daily in order to live for Him with every remaining breath we have!

Let us continue gathering daily in our homes, church buildings, ranches and restaurants to praise Him and offer the true worship the Father wants, “to worship Him in spirit and in truth” (Matt. 4:24)

Blessings and Maranatha!!