

“The Thrill of Victory”  
 1 Pet 3:17-22  
 “Passion Week” Message Series  
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SUNDAY	-----	MONDAY	-----	TUESDAY	-----	THURSDAY	-----	FRIDAY	-----	SATURDAY
Palm Sunday		Clearing out the Temple		Various Teachings		Upper Room Discourse		Good Friday		In a Tomb

**Ever heard of Vinko Bogataj?** His “agony of defeat” was replayed every weekend from 1970 and on, for the next 28 years!

- Makes for a good analogy for the agony we can experience in life; e.g. health issue, divorce, addiction, loss of a loved one, financial ruin, being persecuted at school or work for your faith, unfulfilled hopes and dreams, depression/despair (1 Pet 3:17)...

**The cool thing about Bogataj is that God turned it around in his \_\_\_\_\_.** The guy became a celebrity!

*We have an opportunity to allow God to turn OUR “agony of defeat” into a “thrill of victory”!*

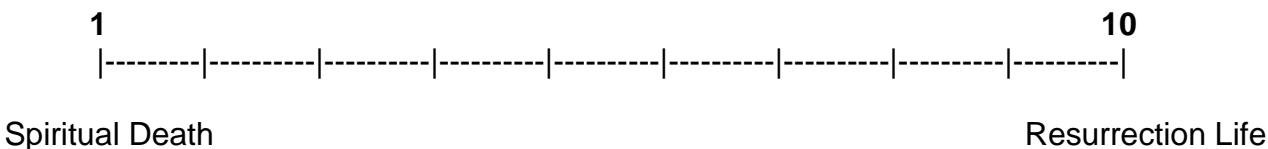
**“Okay Pastor, you got my attention. How?”** The answer is found in 1 Peter 3:17-22.

**First, let’s talk about verses 18 and 22.**

- V 18... “Agony of \_\_\_\_\_” – In the disciples’ minds ... The Gospel message in a nutshell ...
- VV 18c, 22... “Thrill of \_\_\_\_\_” – What’s death? ... The grave couldn’t hold Jesus down!

*These two verses point to a \_\_\_\_\_ reality. Because Jesus was resurrected from the grave, so also can we, in a spiritual sense, be resurrected into newness of life (Jn 11:25-26)!*

**This begs the question:** On a scale of 1-10, to what degree are you experiencing “resurrection life” (1 Jn 4:17; 1 Jn 2:6)?



**Your Kingdom Assignment:** Write down the action step that the Holy Spirit is encouraging you to follow through with this week in order to experience more Resurrection Life.

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