“Speak Into My Life” with Micah Stampley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dlFcyl3yp5g>

“I Believe” with Micah Stampley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zebe8D6PKKs>

“Another Place” with Micah Stampley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2hHB-bznqpc>

“Fervent Prayer” with Micah Stampley

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“Unfailing Love/Because You Loved Me” with Micah Stampley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6zJI2OFCEWo>

“You are Lord” with Micah Stampley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAcg2XwlhC0>

“I’m Changing (Complete)” with William Murphy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGBjWsf-X3I>

“Destiny” with Tiny Campbell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Az5tH-E4OhY>

“We Lift Our Hands in the Sanctuary” with Kurt Carr

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iv68ruS6DVE>

“Waging War” with CeCe Winans

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZpWqO41m_lc>

“I’m Walking in Authority” with Donnie McClurkin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EN2__PibsBA>

“Your Destiny” with Kevin Lamar

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_QdOYRkE7Y>

“Intentional” with Travis Greene

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VH3f0ellNv8>

“123 Victory” with Kirk Franklin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hnVB6t1Qek4>

**Hearing the Divine Appointment and Power Over Our New Lives**

***Romans 1:1-7; Exodus 19:6; Hebrews 7:24-26***

 Praise the Lord! This week’s *Romans 1:1-7* Bible Study encourages us with what has been declared over us and given to us through being able to stand up in new life from our setbacks.

 Paul addressed the Christians in Rome as a servant of Jesus and apostle separated to the Gospel of God. To Paul, this Good News was about God’s *Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; Romans 1:3.*

And it is this next verse about Jesus upon which we hinge our entire Bible Study. Jesus was *declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:*

 When Jesus rose from the dead, Jesus was newly declared to be the Son of God with power. Jesus rose from the dead and something awesome was declared over His life. And power was declared over Jesus’ life.

 Jesus’ resurrection was just the beginning of Jesus’ life. Jesus went to sit at the right hand of God and lives to make intercession for us as our high priest. *(Hebrews 7:25)*

 The point of this Bible Study is very direct. When we are born again; when we overcome the things that have deadened our lives, we don’t just overcome and start with nothing. The feeling that we start off with nothing makes us miss what we think died with us. Every before has indeed been done away with and we are new. But we start with God’s declarations and divine appointments over us. We start with new power.

 God’s goal for the people of Israel was not just for them to be saved from slavery and get a new start. God’s said to the Israelites, *“[Y]e shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and an holy nation,” Exodus 19:6.* God had a purpose for the Israelites and God declared this to them as soon as they escaped slavery from Egypt.

 When we rise from the dead, there is divine appointment for us just as there was for Jesus, Harriet Tubman, and everyone else who experienced resurrection.

 And not only is there divine appointment, there is power. Trauma studies indicate that one of the most difficult parts of overcoming traumatic experiences is dealing with the experience of helplessness during the trauma. Dr. Carl Bell, in talking about how to overcome post-traumatic salve syndrome among African-Americans, said that ‘It’s not the trauma that causes [Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder], it’s the helplessness in the face of trauma.’ (See George, Cindy, “Do You Have Post-Traumatic Slave Syndrome?”, *Ebony Magazine,* September, 2015, pp. 67-70. Watch the article’s author talk about Post-Traumatic Slave Syndrome: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DcZn6jEmW6E>)

 Dr. Bell indicated that recovery is about learning new skills: ‘How to be resourceful, develop good relationships with people that support you, have a purpose in your life and do something meaningful and develop a sense of power.’ We, in new life, can likewise learn to live in divine appointment and power, according to the holy majesty of God.

 Look at all the Biblically recorded things that Jesus did for people after He rose from the dead. Jesus appeared to Saul on the road to Damascus, turned his life around, and gave him a mission to the Gentiles. Jesus appeared to Stephen while Jews persecuted him, gave Stephen faith, and empowered Stephen to forgive people who didn’t know what they were doing the same way that Jesus forgave on the cross. Jesus appeared to John, strengthened him on the island of Patmos, and gave John words of encouragement and exhortation for seven Christian churches. In all of these Jesus strengthened people and gave them entirely new vision and purposes.

 Our new lives as priests to God are meant to be just as meaningful. We are divinely appointed with power to strengthen others and support them in finding God’s purpose for their lives. May we hear the divine appointment and power over our lives.

May we celebrate these lives to the fullest!

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