**The Journey**

**“Death Defeated”**

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**Internal tension develops blind spots in our lives.**

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The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” Matthew 28:5-6 (New International)

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“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 (New International)

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**Through Jesus, we have a place to belong.**

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But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Philippians 3:20-21 (New International)

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**When we know *whose* we are, then we know *who* we are.**

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20 (New International)

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**Death’s defeat is our secured hope.**

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1 (New International)

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