

SCCC – THE TRUTH THAT MAKES ME REJOICE

S – Scriptures

“In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?” Luke 24: 5

C – Consideration

In the next verse of this chapter, I read: “He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee” The women had gone to the tomb with spices they had prepared for Jesus’ body. In fact, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea had done the procedure when they took Jesus’ body from the cross. Probably the women didn’t know or, because of their love toward Jesus they were going to do it again. When they arrived at the place to stone was rolled away and two angels spoke to them. From grieving and sorrow, their hearts changed to fear and astonishment before the two heavenly beings. They told them what Jesus had said” “The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” And, when they came back to their senses, the Scriptures said: “Then they remembered his words.”

C – Commitment

The whole Bible is full of promises for God’s people. However, every time I read this verse, my heart rejoices. Why? Because, there is hope for me. Jesus is alive! The narrative showed the problems of Jesus’ followers as well. The women had forgotten that the Master had told them many times that He had to suffer and on the third day He would rise again. Therefore, instead of spices, they should have brought a shofar and tambourines to celebrate his resurrection, but they didn’t. And the reason was because their sorrow erased God’s words from their hearts. After, they went and told the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Only Peter decided to go and check out the tomb. The cause of this amnesia was shame, sorrow, fear, and of course disbelief. Like the women and the apostle, sometimes my emotions had caused in my heart the same type of behavior. That is when the enemy brings his lies; however, I have to keep the words of the angels in my heart: He has risen!

C – Call

My Heavenly Father, how can I be thankful enough to know that You had sent Your only begotten Son to die for my sins, and He is no longer on the cross or in the tomb, He is alive. As you raised Him from the dead, I will be resurrected to live in eternity with you. My Father, help me when the shame of sin, sorrow, and fear comes on me and doubts come into my heart, to remember that His blood brought me forgiveness and eternal life. In His name, I pray. Amen!