



# TEAM VOICE

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## **Resurrection...*"It is Finished!"* ...only the beginning.**

by  
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When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "*It is Finished!*" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. John 19:30. God grant us mercy. His suffering is completed but He is still waiting for all to come home.

Jesus said to her, I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on) Me, although he may die, yet he shall live; 26And whoever continues to live and believes in (has faith in, cleaves to, and relies on) Me shall never [actually] die at all. Do you believe this? John 11:25-26 AMP My heart's concern which I feel God has orchestrated all of what I am about to share is... "Do you believe this?" Though my experience was nothing like the abandonment Jesus faced. God's answer to Jesus' prayer is comforting... "I am not alone, because the Father is with Me... in Me you may have peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]!" John 16:32-33 AMP

The pandemic is similar to a life ending world plague. Most likely we are doing everything to avoid contracting corona virus for fear of dying. The onset of death is just like the thief in the dark...we don't know when our time will come. Images of rows of refrigerated trailer (trucks) filled with corpses outside the hospitals are sitting because the morgues can't process so many dying is a hard reality to take in. During Easter on Thursday night just before midnight, we had an unexpected delivery of a box of surgical masks along with a movie and tracts on God's love and sacrifice. Our close cousin, Yim had come out from Boston to provide for our mother, necessities to sustain life in lieu of the Corona virus. I reflected on her bravery to follow God's lead, her trust in God was greater than life. In bed, I had a couple uncontrollable coughs. The sudden, unexplained cough was alarming and I couldn't help but think about what could happen, if I were gone. I thought of the burdens that would be imposed on Linda and other members of the family. I was not afraid because of my faith, just like Yim. However, I did feel alone. Who would take my place to care provide for the family? What would happen if I wasn't around to make their meals and Dr. appointments? Etc. and etc. I had a burden for the desperate living in fear and the unknown, hoarding resources and frantic measures to save their lives.

I woke up surprised, delighted and relieved that there was not a trace of cough. All gone! Bye-bye! See

ya! I felt good! Mercy great! Thank you God! For a couple months, I felt sluggish and unmotivated, I had some dizziness while shoveling, and my Dr. wanted a stress test done for possible coronary disease. I agreed it was a good idea to check the plumbing. However, I was ready to set a new record or at least impress the staff. To my surprise and disappointment, the attending doctor pulled the plug on my test, at phase 3 of 7 increments, commenting he had enough info. I felt if there was a blockage, I could point to where it was by the pain I “imagined” next to my heart. I was scheduled for another stress test with a dye to pinpoint any blockages. Corona virus had stopped hospital visits so my stress test was put out for months, causing me more stress. I felt immobilized, not knowing whether I would loosen up a blood clot that would travel to my pea sized brain (due to my outstanding logic). I'd envision it to be like an iceberg taking out a lemon aide stand. I had care provider responsibilities. I couldn't take any chances. After playing phone tag with my Dr., on Good Friday, I had a telephoned with my Dr. and we concluded I could go back to my regular routine assuming it was a virus nerve disorder. It was a good Good Friday and I felt good enough to get some things done. By the end of Saturday I had “safely” survived pushing myself and felt normal. All this to say I felt like a little resurrection had happened. I felt a closeness to God and a lot of thankfulness for His grace and mercy.

I so wanted my story to be an encouragement to give hope with the constant talk of death surrounding Covid-19. In the ensuing weeks, I felt like God was building an article with my everyday happenings. While I was walking the dogs, there's a stretch of woods, it had gotten dark and with the overcast night I could barely stay on the path by watching for the edges. I was reminded of the scripture God will imprint his laws upon their minds and engrave them upon their hearts and they shall be My people. (Hebrews 8:8-13). Thru the trials and turmoil of this world where all we see is doom and gloom. There is a light in our heart and mind that gives us hope that God is still above all things. And as we continue to follow the path, it will bring us into the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 7:21). A world bright and warm, like the feeling you get on the 1<sup>st</sup> warm sunny day, irregardless of the pandemic, we will have a peace and joy beyond human understanding.

After my Easter experience, as the days turned into weeks, the euphoria was fading. I wondered if my surreal experience was worthy to be tooted about, at all. Then, would the reader find it to be a little too much? The mercy and grace feeling was distant. Not sure what was robbing me of the joy of God's handiwork. Was it the Covid-19 keeps safe protocols, the extra care to keep the senior family members safe or just plain worn out by a heart condition and Covid-19? The Darkness' greatest tool is deception and he was pushing the right buttons. I felt like a miracle had just happened and now, I'm feeling like a doubting Thomas. How was anything I could offer to the lost going to give hope; never mind having a lasting effect?

In my time of need, God provided. First, came the reassurance. A passage that was part of the building of my story to tell to the nations, resurfaced. Jesus feared death on the cross and prayed to Father-God and an angel came and strengthened him. Jesus had asked his disciples 3 times to pray with him. Stay awake and keep watch (avoid falling to our lustful desires). Luke, the physician, among the apostles, records Jesus sweating droplets of blood. Jesus returns 3 times to find his closes followers asleep. Jesus must have felt so alone. In His hour of need, with no one at his side, he prayed “... may this cup be taken... but not my will... but Thy will be done.” Gods' answer to Jesus, allowed the resurrection to be completed “...so that He may give eternal life to all ...” John 17:2 It is important to realize God knows how weak the flesh is and his mercy is upon us. Therefore, He provides the infilling of His Holy Spirit.

As followers of Jesus, we are given spiritual ears to hear and understand God's Word. In other words, until we repent and turn from our way, we won't get a hunger to find God's Will...by the acknowledgement that God loves everyone and wants none to perish; He offered every option to be part of his kingdom that Jesus proclaimed to bring for all. Including, the ultimate sacrifice of dying on the cross for our sin. And it is the promise of the Holy Spirit that provides the fruit of the Spirit. By abiding in Jesus, we bear fruit which shows to the world a taste of God's Kingdom. We are a reflection of Gods' love. The reassurance of peace and joy is maintained by the constant study of the Word which guides us as citizens in God's Kingdom on earth. To love God and love our neighbor. A big blessing to being part of the Kingdom is the fellowship that becomes “iron

sharpening iron”. God's reassurance came back to me on such an encounter with Pastor Gary. I encourage all to find fellowship that is based on “God talk”. Amazing insight was given to maintain the quality time, prayer and repentance to God and studying his Word. In doing so, the fruits of the HS will manifest itself as a reflection of God's love, peace and joy. Therefore, we fortitude ourselves to remain in the Kingdom of God while being a consistent witness to the provision and reassurance of God. We can't have one without the other. Therein lies “...*only the beginning.*” Only by being a true follower of Jesus can our joy be made full. “... Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much fruit... apart from Me you can do nothing...he is thrown out like a branch...into the fire, and they are burned. 7If you live in Me and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts... you bear much fruit, you show and prove yourselves to be true followers of Mine...keep My commandments ... you will abide in My love and live on in it...I have told you these things, that My joy and delight may be in you, and that your joy and gladness may be of full measure and complete and overflowing. John 15:5-11

Several weeks before Easter, I Corinthians 15, kept popping up. My thoughts on others fearing death by getting the Corona virus led my thoughts back to the resurrection; it was like God showing me another way to share his love. “So it is with the resurrection of the dead...that is sown is perishable and decays, but that is resurrected is imperishable. “But someone will say, how can the dead be raised? With what body will they come forth?...flesh and blood cannot inherit or share in the kingdom of God...I tell you a mystery We shall not all fall asleep, but we shall all be changed in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet call...the dead [in Christ] will be raised imperishable (free and immune from decay), and we shall be changed...then shall be fulfilled the Scripture that says, Death is swallowed up...O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? 56Now sin is the sting of death, and sin exercises its power through the Law. 57But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:42-57

My last God inspired building a story block happened, again, when I was taking a walk. I guess we can conclude that ‘And’ walks with me and He talks with me. And He tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.” My apologies due to American songwriter C. Austin Miles. (1912), his song was written "in a cold, dreary and leaky basement in Pitman, New Jersey that didn't even have a window in it let alone a view of a garden." according to Miles' great-granddaughter. “In the Garden” was popularized by Billy Sunday who left \$3500/yr baseball to be a evangelists for \$84/month.

So on my walk with 'Andy', I looked back across the pond and off in the distance, I could see the God granted backyard where we lived. And, as if time had stopped, I found myself appreciating the view. With the absence of time and its constraints and demands due to the Covid-19 keep safe protocols I had a sense of stability and a peace in the midst of a storm of trials and confrontations. I felt calm and fulfilled and could have relished that moment for a life time. So take a moment to capture a vision dear and close to heart. Make it someone or thing that gives joy and would be greatly missed if it were to be no more. Now imagine, the pandemic has ended everything. There is nothing left-not even food or water. Avoid. Then you hear the trumpets announce the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus. If you haven't accepted the resurrection as your saving grace, then the frustration of “what was” is all you are left with. However if you “Praise the One who paid my debt and raised this life from the dead!” quoting Kim Walker Smith. Then, that precious vision so dear and close to heart becomes pale, comparable to things that will rust and burn; as it is replaced by everything the Bible promises. If you haven't heard or don't know, how's “... streets of gold and mansions on high...” sound for a beginning? How can you not sing “Joy! Joy! Joy!” Shalom! Amen and amen.

Submitted by Peter Wong  
MJM Road Rep Massachusetts

Years of Service for April

Robert Dillon	29
Kathleen Dillon	29
Michael Fields	8
Kimberly Fields	8
Philip Guica	19
Belva Guica	19
Gary Matson	23
Kathleen Matson	23
Gary May	1
C. Wesley Miller	30
Sophia Miller	30
Richard Miller	31
John R. Platchek	7
Sharon A. Platchek	7
Billy Rose	10
Kimberly Rose	2
Danny Shinnors	16
Linda Shinnors	16
Robert Wolf Sr.	1
Robert Wolf Jr.	1

Birthdays

Joyce Arndt	5/1
Brenda Nelson	5/2
Gary May	5/6
Cynthia Laemmerhirt	5/10

Don Marshall	5/10
John Young	5/13
George Kadash	5/15
Russell Hare	5/16
Peter Wong	5/16
Eugene Krebs Jr.	5/18
C. Wesley Miller	5/18
Ernest Collins	5/24
Sandra Smith	5/26

Anniversaries

Greg and Elaine Walde	5/6
Vernon and Linda Hawkins	5/14
Don and Mae Marshall	5/16
Eric and Holly Gilbert	5/20
Jeffery and Joy Leath	5/20
Douglas and Tonya McDonald	5/23
Alf and Lisa Smith	5/25

God Bless

Respectfully Submitted By:

Michael Fields

National Membership Secretary

\*\*\*\*\*Please note that the 2021 MJM Spring Kick-Off is rescheduled tentatively for June 11-13, 2021 in Portland, MI. Details to be announced\*\*\*\*\*

**MJM FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT**

**APRIL 1, 2019 – MARCH 31, 2020**

**OPERATING ACCOUNT**

**MJM MARCH 31, 2019 ENDING BALANCE \$ 9,131.86**

**DEPOSITS:**

DUES	1,935.00	
DONATION	1,349.50	
GOODIES	115.00	
AMA EASY RIDER REFUND	265.00	
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>		<b>\$3,664.50</b>

**EXPENSES:**

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY EXP	74.86	
CORRESPONDENCE EXPENSES	117.91	
NEWS LETTER EXPENSES	27.87	
SPRING KICK OFF	500.00	
BIKE WEEK	900.00	
KY ANNUAL REPORT FEE	15.00	
GOODIES	590.00	
ZOOM FEES	74.95	
HELPING HANDS	1,000.00	
BANK FEES	8.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$3,308.59</b>
<b>YEAR END BALANCE ***</b>		<b>\$ 9,487.77</b>

**\*\*\* 2,604.68 GOODIES**

**6,883.09 MJM OPERATING**

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**MJM FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT**

**APRIL 1, 2019 – MARCH 31, 2020**

**LIFETIME SAVING ACCOUNT**

**MJM MARCH 31, 2019 ENDING BALANCE \$6,955.12**

**TOTAL INTEREST EARNED \$ 1.39**

**YEAR END BALANCE \$6,956.51**

**Please let me know if you would like me to send you copies of the excel check journals**

**Thanks and I hope you have a great day!**

**Linda Hawkins**

MJM will be attending the 2021 Daytona Beach Bike Week; we are looking at stay in the Opus, if you are interested in attending please:

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<https://www.vrbo.com/search/keywords:Opus%20Condominium%2C%20Daytona%20Beach%20Shores%2C%20FL%2C%20USA/arrival:2021-03-06/departure:2021-03-13?adultsCount=6&petIncluded=false>

Also, if you purchase items from Amazon you can log into <https://smile.amazon.com/> You can select Motorcyclists for Jesus Ministries as a Charity that you want Amazon to donate too, and MJM will receive a donation from Amazon.

Positions open for MJM Members;

**\*\*MJM Historian - position is open for candidate to maintain up to date record of MJM Officers, Events, to record MJM's history for future Members, etc...**

**\*\*MJM National Newsletter Editor – position is open for a candidate to produce a Monthly Newsletter to be posted on the MJM Web Site and sent out to the MJM Membership via e-mail For additional information / requirements on each position please contact Fred McClincy at 215-234-8611, or e-mail [bikerfredz@gmail.com](mailto:bikerfredz@gmail.com)**

**\*\*MJM Goodie Director**

**The Goodies Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the inventory and sale of the items that are sold as official items associated with the ministry of MJM. This includes Back Patches, apparel and MJM logoed merchandise. This does not include pins or patches for the membership secretary or Bibles and Tracts for the Ministry.**

**The Goodies Administrator will keep the Board of Directors updated on all financial records for Board meetings and send notice to the newsletter monthly.**

**The Goodies are financially self-supporting. All money goes back into replenishing stock and purchasing new items for the Goodies Ministry of MJM.**

Thanks,  
Fred McClincy  
Chairman of the MJM Board of Directors

**1 Peter 4:10 NIV**

**Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.**

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