

## Fresh Start Walking in Newness of Live

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### Summary of the Message

The core message of Romans 6:4 is that our transformation is rooted entirely in our union with Jesus.

When Jesus went to the cross, our old, sinful nature died with Him, meaning our past mistakes and habits no longer own us. We can confidently say, **"That's not who I am anymore."** But the gospel doesn't end in the grave. Just as Jesus was raised from the dead, we are raised to a brand-new identity. Walking in this new life isn't about trying harder; it's about surrendering daily and letting His resurrection power live through us.

### Romans 6:4 (NLT) - Main Verse

"For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives"

**We Died with Christ** - Based on **Romans 6:4a**, salvation is more than forgiveness; it is a permanent break from sin. Because our old self is "buried" with Jesus, the past no longer rules us. Like Lazarus being called from the tomb (**John 11**), we are invited to leave dead things behind. The challenge: **What part of my old life is God asking me to release?**

**We Were Raised with Christ** - Based on Romans 6:4b, "new life" is a present reality, not just a future hope. Through Christ, we have access to God's resurrection power—giving us new desires and daily strength. Like Ezekiel's dry bones (**Ezekiel 37**) or Paul's dramatic conversion (**Acts 9**), God brings life to the impossible. The challenge is simply to ask: **Where do I need this resurrection power to transform my daily choices?**

**Live New Lives by God's Power** - Based on Romans 6:4c, new life isn't about self-improvement; it's Spirit-empowered living. God doesn't say "try harder," He says "walk with Me." Just as He strengthened Elijah and the early church, the Holy Spirit gives us the power we lack. The challenge: **What would change if I relied entirely on God's power today?**

### Start Talking: Spark Conversation

1. What is an old, worn-out item you held onto way too long before finally replacing it?
2. If you could hit the "restart" button on one minor part of your daily routine, what would it be?
3. What is the most impressive "makeover" or transformation you've ever seen?

### Start Thinking: Deepen the Thought

4. Jesus didn't just die; He walked out of the grave. How does knowing the living Jesus is walking with you change how you face your daily struggles?
5. What is the difference between just "trying harder" to be good, and actually letting Jesus live His resurrected life through you?

### Start Sharing

6. In what specific area are you spiritually exhausted, and how can you lean on Jesus' resurrection power this week instead of your own?

### Start Doing: Commit to Act

7. Start with Jesus: Before getting out of bed this week, say out loud: "Jesus, because You are alive, my old life is dead."
8. Trade Your Burden: Write down a struggle you're fighting in your own strength, cross it out, and write "Jesus' Power" over it.
9. Speak His Name: When an old habit tempts you, speak out loud: "Jesus, I am hidden in You. That doesn't own me anymore."

### Additional Resources

Website:

<https://feb08loveneverfails.my.canva.site/feb22>

**Praying:****Lord Jesus,**

Thank You for taking our old lives, our mistakes, and our shame into the grave with You. We declare today that our past no longer owns us because we belong to You. Thank You for conquering the grave so we can share in Your brand-new life. When we face temptation or feel weak this week, remind us to stop relying on our own strength and to lean entirely on Your resurrection power. Help us to keep our eyes fixed on You. In Your powerful name, Amen.

**In Jesus' name, amen.****Announcements:**

- Be part of our team: become a volunteer!
- HOP every friday 7pm at Formation Center
- Give your offering through Contribua,so it goes straight to The Way Ministry.
- Vida Vitoriosa One:  
<https://www.e-inscricao.com/pibcuritiba/vvoa bril26>