

“ALIVE, RIGHT HERE, TO TALK ANYTIME!”
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 28, 2017
ACTS 1:6-14; 1 PETER 4:12-14,5:6-11; JOHN 17:1-11

Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

Through the fifty days of Easter, we have been celebrating the power and grace, alive, right here, raising us up in The Risen Christ. As we enter the final week of Easter, we might wonder, how to keep it going, who can we talk to about hope, trust, support, sin, worry, stress, power, grace, today, tomorrow, eternity? How do we tell Jesus what we and others are feeling? How do we tell Jesus we are thankful, and yet, we need him? John’s Gospel today shares Jesus praying on behalf of his disciples. Prayer is God’s gift alive, right here, to talk to him, to stay connected, anytime, anywhere, in power and grace! The good news of Easter is, even when we do not know how to talk to Jesus, Jesus is already talking to us, and already talking to the Father on our behalf!

1. Prayer and talking are often compared. Acts 1:11,14; John 17:11
 - A. We often hear, ‘Call me any time.’ Here are a few other thoughts: ‘We have a bad connection.’ ‘Can you hear me now?’ ‘Trying to reach an unpublished number.’ ‘The line is busy.’ ‘I’m talking to someone else right now.’ ‘Screening your calls.’ ‘Long distance is an extra charge.’ ‘Do you keep changing service plans and providers.’ ‘Don’t have time to answer.’ ‘Calls can interrupt us.’ ‘I don’t want to talk about that right now.’ ‘I’m waiting to be connected.’ ‘I get no service in this area.’
 - B. TALK. Talk to The One who is risen indeed, to The One you can trust, to The One who is accessible and approachable, to The One who is listening and invites us to listen, to The One who keeps on talking to us.
 - C. Nothing compares to talking to God, right here, alive in grace!
2. In our relationships, we may say nothing, not knowing what to say. Acts 1:8, 14; 1 Peter 5:6-8; John 17:3, 6-10
 - A. Not speaking loses relationships; may give the wrong impression.
 - B. Let us believe and talk to The One who is alive, right here, in grace!
3. Thanks be to God, The One who prays on our behalf is alive and risen indeed, to keep talking to us, right here! Let us forever pray and trust and talk about God’s grace alive, right here! 1 Peter 4:14; John 17:9