



THE HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

THIS WEEK AT THF

▶ TUESDAY

THF College - Meets at Sarah's Home - 5006 94th St.

7:00pm-9:00pm

▶ WEDNESDAY

THF Students - Worship & Small Groups

7:00pm-8:30pm ~ Doors open at 6:30

▶ THURSDAY

THF Men - Bible Study & Fellowship

6:30am-7:30am

UPCOMING AT THF

▶ MAY 2-4 - Men's Retreat

For Details Visit the Connect Wall in the Mall or the Men's Ministry Page of our Website

▶ MAY 25 - One Service at 9:30am

Kinder-5th Grade will worship with families

April 20, 2025

Please continue to check all of our social media outlets and our website for updates to weekly activities and Sunday Services.

www.theheightsfellowship.org

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

April 13, 2025

BUDGET GIVING: \$34,621.00

BUDGET NEEDS: \$19,346.00

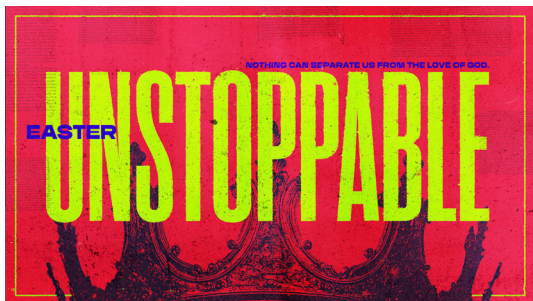
YEAR TO DATE

BUDGET GIVING: \$269,612.14

BUDGET NEEDS: \$281,900.00

Unstoppable

We live and we die...
Jesus died and LIVED!
- John Stott



One of the greatest statements in any religious book...and one of the things that separates Christianity from other world religions is this:

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?... 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8 esv)

This verse speaks to the theme of the morning: **UNSTOPPABLE**

The truth is that there many things intended to thwart and stop Jesus!

JEWISH Leadership

The ROMAN Soldiers

PILATE - the Roman Governor

HEROD - the king of Israel

SATAN

CULTURAL MISUNDERSTANDING to make him something He wasn't

An ANGRY MOB that Called for His Crucifixion

The DULLNESS of His followers

The BETRAYAL by one of His inner circle

The WEAKNESS of His people to defend Him

A RIGGED JUSTICE SYSTEM

Physical TORTURE

The Physical and Spiritual AGONY of the Cross

The TAUNTING and MOCKING of the bystanders and fellow victims

A SPEAR in the heart

DEATH

GRAVE

The tomb GUARDED and SEALED

The relentless, ubiquitous presence of SIN

**What happens when the Unstoppable Force
meets the Immovable Object?**

1 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 6 And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." 8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Mark 16:1-8 esv

Mark's account begins with **QUESTIONS**, then progresses to **CONFUSION** and ultimately descends into **TERROR** !

But in the morning air of the garden lingers this whisper of a question:

What if...just what if...Jesus really did what He said?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT JESUS IS UNSTOPPABLE?

It means that 'it' is all *true*. 1 Corinthians 15:17

If Jesus rose from the dead...then **EVERYTHING** else He said and did must be true also!

It means death is not the final **ANSWER**, just a temporary **QUESTION** !
1 THESS 4:13

It means even when death ends this life **WE UNDERSTAND IT DIFFERENTLY!**
1 COR 15:54-55

It means we really can have **ETERNAL LIFE** John 11:25-26

It means we actually - **BODILY** - get to experience resurrection. 1 Thess 4:14

It means we are guaranteed an **IMPERISHABLE BODY** Phil 3:20-21

It means Jesus is talking us up to **GOD** right now! Rom 8:34

It means we **HAVE THE POWER** to live differently **NOW!** Rom 6:4

*"When Jesus rose from the dead, He didn't cheat death;
He beat it fair and square." – Cheryl Ford*

THF LIFE Notes

4-20-25

Easter

1. From Questions:

The women brought spices to anoint Jesus' body, showing they still expected Him to be dead. What does this reveal about their understanding of His promise to rise again? What questions might they have been asking themselves as they approached the tomb?

2. To Confusion:

When they arrived and found the stone rolled away and the tomb empty, they were alarmed and confused. Why do you think it was difficult for them to believe the angel's message that Jesus had risen "just as he told you"? How does confusion sometimes stand in the way of faith?

3. To Fear:

Verse 8 says the women fled "trembling and bewildered" and were afraid to say anything. Why do you think fear was their first reaction to the resurrection? How does this moment contrast with the hope that comes from Jesus' victory over death?