Unwrapping a New Life

Part two of the series, "Wrapped in Love"

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See John 11:38-44 ESV

Only Jesus can give us a new transformed life.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV)

"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..." So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus." (Romans 6:4,11 NLT)

A new life results from His word and our faith.

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." (Romans 12:2 NLT)

Through Christ, we can help others unwrap the miracle of new life.

"...It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'Take away the stone'...⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'" (John 11:38-39, 44 ESV)

- 1. Make them feel safe.
- Start a conversation.
- Ask them to tell their story.
- 4. Listen carefully with empathy.
- 5. Pray for them in the moment.
- 6. Tell them about Jesus & share your story.