

# It's Worth It

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## It's Worth It - Luke 24:36-49

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

OPENING SONG:

***My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less***

BAPTISM:

**Avilyn Grace Everett Rushing**

INVOCATION:

**Confessing and Being Assured**

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SONG OF THE DAY:

***Lord, I Need You***

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY:

**Luke 24:36-49**

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

**It's Worth It, by Jim Bartok**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

**Ephesians 6:18**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**Matthew 6:9-13**

THE LORD'S SUPPER:

**Matthew 26:26-28**

THE BLESSING:

CLOSING SONG:

***My Very Best Friend***

***Good morning and welcome to Praise & Worship! We are so blessed to have you worship with us!!***

***We can't say it enough!! He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Hallelujah!!***

***Today's Sermon: "It's Worth It" - with Pastor Jim Bartock***

***Join us each week for Bible Study:***

**Sunday mornings @ 9 am** - The History of Ancient Israel - led by Bill Crosby @ Praise & Worship.

**Monday evenings @ 6 pm** - An apologetic Bible study for young adults at the ResTore campus in Hollister - led by Jeff Mitten.

## ***Don't forget tomorrow's Blood Drive!!***

- Here at Praise & Worship! from 12:00 - 6:00: Appointments encouraged, but please don't let it stop you if you haven't made one!

- If you are able to donate blood, please plan on joining us - and bring your friends & neighbors! Blood is a life saving gift! Definitely a gift we can relate to! Share the love! Save some lives!

## **A little Christian Humor:**

What did Jonah's family say when he told them about what happened before reaching Ninevah?  
"Hmmm.....there's something a little fishy about that!"

## ***Happy 90th Birthday (April 18) to Bob Ryder!! May God richly bless your day and year!!***

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***Financial Update:*** These numbers include both Praise & Worship and resTore, our church plant in Hollister. To partner with us in ministry, utilize the giving box by the door leaving the sanctuary, or the "support us" tab booth or the "support us" tab at [www.branson.church](http://www.branson.church)

## ***April Financials:***

### **Praise & Worship:**

April Budgeted Giving: \$20,417	April Giving to date: \$4,294
Budgeted Giving to date: \$74,667	2024 Giving to date: \$64,064

### **resTore:**

April Budgeted Giving: \$2,900	April Giving to date: \$349
Budgeted Giving to date: \$25,267	2024 Giving to date: \$11,615

## ***Praise & Worship's Ten Core Values!***

1. Unconditionally WELCOMING everyone as Jesus did!
2. Creating a HEALING environment, as Jesus did!
3. RECOGNIZING that ALL people are made in the image of God and EACH is uniquely beautiful.
4. RECEIVING the forgiveness offered by Jesus because we are broken.
5. LOVING one another because He first loved us!
6. TRUSTING His promises and seeking to follow Him in every aspect of our lives!
7. MAKING disciples by baptizing and teaching in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
8. PRAYING in the Spirit on ALL occasions and with ALL kinds of requests!
9. RELYING on the Bible; His Word preserved for us; living, powerful and most certainly true!
10. Regularly PARTICIPATING in the Lord's Supper by faith in His words!