

APRIL 7

“THE KEYS ARE IN THE HANDS OF JESUS.”

READ

Matthew 16:18-19

Mortal men and women struggle to explain this privilege: that God, through His Son, who owns and controls everything, would turn around and say to us with our simple amount of faith, “Behold I give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.” Isn’t that dangerous, Lord? You know how fickle and inconsistent we are! Yes, God knows all things. Who’s in control of hell and death? Who takes the keys and dangles them in the face of the enemy? The keys are in the hands of Jesus. You cannot die because He died for you. When you were born again, His resurrection Spirit came into you. Every time death tries to threaten you, every time you look in the mirror and you see that you’re aging, or every time you can’t function like you used to, there’s this momentary sense of panic that you are getting near the grave. But the Christian has no need to despair. He says, “This body is wearing out, but what’s inside is being renewed day by day. I’m just that much closer to Jesus.”

PRAY

Your word says that we can’t see the kingdom of heaven unless we are born again. Thank You for saving me and giving me eternal life. Draw those who are lost to You, so that they may hold the keys and experience the Kingdom.

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