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His in-  
dwelling  
power  
to meet  
man's  
needs.

*"O DEATH,  
WHERE IS YOUR  
VICTORY?"*

*O DEATH, WHERE  
IS YOUR STING?"*

1 Corinthians 15:55

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## Moving the Big Stone

**A**s it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave. And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it (Matthew 28:1-2).



E A S T E R

Indeed, this stone was huge—around five feet high. But heck it was still just a rock. Several men could move it. Man and his machines can eventually move a small mountain. We have even created space ships to zoom to the moon and bring back its big rocks. Yet man has not figured out how to prevent becoming part of the rocks himself. Death picks us off one by one.

### Experiencing Powerlessness

Some of you know I witnessed a fatal motorcycle accident last month. A car made a left turn in front of a fast moving motorcycle and the bike driver hit the car and ground very, very hard. First impression, honestly? "That guy is dead". I ran to him—23 years old - trying in vain to communicate with him, his blood flowing out of him like a tiny river down the road. An arriving policeman - powerless. A doctor who stopped—frantically pumping the man's chest. Nothing. When the policeman administers mouth-to-mouth,

his blood sprays out of his lungs onto my hands and sleeves as I cradle his head off the concrete. Paramedics scrambling, oxygen tanks, the paddles—it's over. It has been over. Death came 10 minutes earlier. His girlfriend approaches the scene, rattled but hopeful, there must be a chance. For her for now, denial and disbelief would reign - death's finality would not be acknowledged without a fight. I understood. Death is brutal and there are no consultations.

I still find myself grieving for the guy, but also grieving my "helplessness. Sure I knew intellectually I couldn't prevent death but the whole experience drove the point deep. Fortunately, however, I know the One who can overcome. Through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, God provided the way to conquer man's greatest foe. The death which will visit us will be trumped by our resurrection.

### Experience the Power

Through sheer might He has cast aside that great boulder that had blocked man's passage to living eternally. In Jesus Christ that dawn, God demonstrated His power *and willingness* to deliver us from death.

This Easter I praise Him that HE is more formidable than our worst problem. Imagine what He can do with all those little problems we have?



*"Oh death where is thy sting" (Romans 15:55).*  
-Joe Fornear