



Dear Families,

Easter isn't merely an ancient story disconnected from our modern reality. The story of Easter reaches into our lives and changes the very core of who we are! In our Created New series, we will journey through the story of redemption—a story that began at creation and the fall, climaxed at the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, and continues through all who walk in new identities as God's children!

With Easter approaching, how are you feeling? Are you excited to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus? Are you overwhelmed by the length of your to-do list? Or do you feel a mix of both emotions?

I encourage you to slow down and let the truth of these words sink in: "When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Through Jesus, we are made new. Our former fallbacks—pride, reliance on works, self-promotion, self-justification—are part of the old. They are gone! Through Jesus, we are free to live surrendered to the will of God, in the safety of His perfect love, no longer having to prove ourselves to anyone. Now that's a reason to celebrate!