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# THE RESURRECTION: FAITH ON A FOUNDATION OF FACTS

## 1 CORINTHIANS 15

Lean In

1. Who in your childhood was the most influential figure in drawing you to Christ? Why?

Look Down

Read 1 Corinthians 15

2. In verses 1-4, Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel he preached to them and summarizes it in 3 short sentences:
  - a. What are the 3 “of first importance” proclamations of the gospel and who is central to each of them? See verses 3-4
  - b. What is the condition for being saved by this gospel according to verse 2?
  - c. What testimonies did Paul base his confidence in the truth of the gospel according to verses: 3b, 4b, 5-8? Refer also to Isaiah 53: 5, 9, 11-12. Why are those testimonials so important?
3. Why is the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, at the core of Christianity and what are the consequences of denying it according to the following verses?
  - a. Verse 14, 17a Give examples of ‘futile’ faith and what it looks like or is based on?
  - b. Verse 15. How would this tarnish the character of the disciples and of Jesus? See Matthew 16:21
  - c. Verse 17b. What are the consequences of sin according to Romans 6:23?
  - d. Verse 18. What hope or comfort do we have in the death of believers?
  - e. Verse 19. What basis for joy is there to have? See Luke 10:20
4. According to Romans 4:25, Christ was raised for our justification:
  - a. What does justification mean? How can you explain it to a non-believer?
  - b. What blessings does justification bring with it according to Romans 5:1,2,9-11? List the things which are now ours to enjoy. What should be our response to those blessings?
5. How did God raise the Lord Jesus from death? See 1 Corinthians 6:14. What does Paul pray in Philippians 3:10a? What difference do those verses make to our daily struggles with sin, mistreatment, sickness and other hardships? See also 1 Corinthians 15:57

Look Out

6. How would you explain the importance of the resurrection to a non-believer?

Look In

7. What does the resurrection mean to you? How do the verses in question #5 help you have confidence and victory over the particular struggles in your personal life?
8. Following up on question #6, how will you be intentional this week about explaining the importance of the resurrection to a non-believer? Let’s spend time praying for them by name.

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9. What evidence can you offer that Christ is alive in your life?
  10. Why are Christians able to triumphantly face death for Christ's sake? Does death set any limit to your hope in Christ?