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1 Corinthians 15:58: Stand Firm and Keep Laboring!

*Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.
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What is the “therefore” there for?

(Review of 1 Corinthians 15)

These are vital truths! (Verses 3-8)

- Christ died.
- He was buried.
- He raised on the third day.

(Review of 1 Corinthians 15)

If Christ did not really rise from the dead... (verses 12-19)

- Then we are lying, and our preaching about Jesus is useless.
- We believers are still lost in our sin and face judgement.
- None of us have any hope, and we should be pitied.
- It is pointless to serve God and face hardships for HIM.
- We should just enjoy life: eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die.

(Review of 1 Corinthians 15)

But Christ has indeed rose from the dead, so... (verses 20-57)

- our preaching is vital and so is our faith.
- we are true witnesses of the true God.
- we can face hardships in this life, knowing we will have victory over death.
- we have been forgiven of all our sins and we are right before God.
- we will not perish but have eternal life, imperishable bodies.
- we are the most blessed people on the planet.

Two Parts of 1 Corinthians 15:58

1. Stand firm and let nothing move you.
2. Always give yourself fully to the Lord because it will not be in vain.

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10 Tactics to help us STAND FIRM:

1. Expect trouble
2. Have no Plan B
3. Strive for Trust over understanding
4. Who are you trying to please?
5. Submit to God (James 4:7)
6. Pray
7. Arm Yourself (Ephesians 6:10-20)
8. Fight
9. Read
10. Check Yourself (Psalm 139:23-24)

2. Always give yourself fully to the Lord because it will not be in vain.

And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward. (Matthew 10:42)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. (Romans 12:1)

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. (Galatians 6:9–10)

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last." (C.T. Studd)

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HOME GROUP Questions for 1 Corinthians 15:58...

1. Rather than suggesting that we hunker down and wait for the day of resurrection, Paul says that we should instead be “steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.” How can we know that the labor we do right now is not in vain?
2. Read the following passages and discuss how they relate to this week's passage:
 - Hebrews 3:14
 - Hebrews 10:33-39
 - Ephesians 6:10-20
3. Read Luke 7:36-50. How does this relate to giving yourself fully to the work of the Lord?