

The Resurrection Secures Our Faith

1 Corinthians 15:12–34

Scripture Reading

“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.” (1 Corinthians 15:20)

Reflection

Paul makes it plain: if Christ has not been raised, our faith collapses. It would be empty, false, futile, and hopeless. But then he turns the corner with one of the most hope-filled truths in all of Scripture: “But in fact Christ has been raised.” Because Christ lives, our faith is secure. His resurrection guarantees our future, redeems our story, gives purpose to our present, and calls us to holiness and mission. The resurrection is not just a doctrine to believe—it’s a reality to live by every single day.

Quiet Time Questions

1. Foundation Check

Where am I tempted to build my hope on “sand” instead of the solid rock of Christ’s resurrection? What would change in my daily priorities if I truly lived each day as though the resurrection is fact?

2. Future Hope

How does Christ being the “firstfruits” give me confidence about my own future beyond the grave? Are there fears about death or loss that I need to lay before the risen Christ?

3. Present Choices

Where might God be calling me to take risks, make sacrifices, or obey in costly ways that only make sense because Christ lives?

4. Holiness and Witness

Am I “spiritually awake,” or am I drifting through life as though eternity isn’t real? How does the resurrection call me to live with greater holiness, urgency, and mission this week?

Prayer

Risen Lord Jesus, thank You that Your resurrection secures my faith. Forgive me for the times I live as though You were still in the tomb. Anchor me in Your truth, free me from fear, give me courage to live for eternity, and wake me up to holiness and mission. May others see Your resurrection hope in me. Amen.