

Daily Meditations

BRIEF BIBLE STUDIES TO HELP YOU EXPLORE THIS WEEK'S THEME

Monday

How was your weekend? Read 1 Corinthians 15:1–10. Did anything about the before and after pictures of the people Paul mentions here, as related in the sermon, surprise you?

If you had to write a before and after description of your life, what would you highlight?

Paul writes sort of a before and after picture of himself in these verses: He persecuted the church of God, and yet became an apostle! Why do you think Paul stresses God's grace so much (look at verses 9 and 10)?

Where would you be now, if not for God's grace?

Spend some time thinking of the Risen Christ, here with you now, through the Spirit. Thank Him for what He has done for you.

Tuesday

Read 1 Corinthians 15:12–34. Locate the eleven “ifs” in these verses (I'm reading the NIV; there are a few more or less in other translations). From these statements, what problems does Paul say arise if there is no resurrection?

On the other hand, flip those statements around: If there is a resurrection, what benefits emerge?

What does the phrase “firstfruits” reveal about the way Christ's resurrection relates to ours?

What difference does the resurrection mean to you in terms of hope and courage?

Ask God to help you live daily in a sense of the reality of the resurrection!

Wednesday

Read 1 Corinthians 15:50–58. Whose death was hardest for you to experience?

What did you learn through it?

What is most comforting for you in these verses?

In verse 58, what practical difference does the resurrection make in the lives of believers?

Ask God to help you never give up, and to know for sure that your labor is not in vain!

Thursday

Read John 20:24–29 and Luke 24:38–48. In what ways can you relate to Thomas?

What did you learn about Jesus' response to doubt in these verses?

How does this help you if you ever struggle with doubt?

Thank God that He is not threatened by your doubts! Ask Him to help you see all the kinds of evidence around you every day — evidence of His existence, power, grace, and love for you and for the world.

Friday

Read Ephesians 1:18–20. Paul says you and I have the power of the risen Christ available to us now if we believe Him! What do you feel powerless over in your life?

How does the power of the resurrection help in this situation?

If you really believed you had resurrection power, what would you try that you have been fearful to do?

Ask God to help you truly believe Him — that you are empowered by His Spirit!

Saturday

Please finish any meditations you may have missed, and pray for the new series, “Trusting God in Troubled Times,” starting this weekend! Thanks!



Memory Verse

Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives!
Romans 6:4 NLT

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