

# CHURCH IN A BROKEN WORLD

**Sermon: Nothing is Wasted**

**Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:21-58**

## Opening Questions

How does the secular idea of "YOLO" (You Only Live Once) contrast with a Christian view of eternity?

When you think about physical aging, illness, or loss, how does the promise of a future resurrected body bring comfort or change your perspective?

Why is it significant that Christianity teaches the redemption of our physical bodies rather than just escaping to a spiritual world?

## Digging Deeper

Read 1 Corinthians 15:21–26 & 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18.

Why does Paul describe death for believers as "falling asleep," and how does Jesus being the "firstfruits" guarantee our future bodily resurrection?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:29–34.

How does Paul use his own daily risks and sacrifices to prove that the resurrection changes what is worth living for?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:35–49.

What illustration does Paul use to explain the difference between our natural, earthly bodies and our future resurrected bodies?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:50–58.

In what ways has Christ defeated death, and why does this victory ensure that "nothing we do for Him is wasted"?

## Living it Out

Where are you currently tempted to play it safe, and how does the reality of the resurrection empower you to take faithful risks for the Gospel?

How does knowing your efforts in serving God are never in vain change the way you view investments into future generations, ministry, or serving others?

What is one practical step you can take this week to live "Beyond Sunday, Beyond Bettendorf, and Beyond Our Lifetime"?

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