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What Has Happened To Our Bodies And Why

(Genesis 1:31; 3:19; Ecclesiastes 12:3-7)

- Our bodies are perishable. Every ache, diagnosis, surgery, and slow decline we feel — or watch loved ones go through — traces back to the Fall. Genesis 1:31 tells us our bodies were created "very good," but sin brought decay and death into the world (Genesis 3:19). This was never God's original design for us; it's the ripple effect of human sin and rebellion.
- Where do you find yourself most tempted to grumble about your body's weakness? What future hope do you have?

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We Shall Be Changed, And Need To Be Ready

(1 Corinthians 15:42-44,49-53; See also 1 John 3:2; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

- Paul gives us real hope: our bodies will be changed. Sown perishable, raised imperishable. Sown in dishonor, raised in glory. Sown in weakness, raised in power. One day, at the sound of the last trumpet, we will be transformed and given new bodies like Christ's own resurrected body — recognizable, physical, yet spiritual and no longer limited
- If the trumpet sounded today, could you say with absolute certainty, "I'll be there?" What gives you such certainty?
- How does knowing your future body will be imperishable, glorious, and powerful change the way you view your struggles today?

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Thanks Be To God Who Gives Us The Victory!

(1 Corinthians 15:54-58)

- Because of Jesus, death has been swallowed up in victory. Sin and death do not get the final word — God does! Our response is twofold: 1. Praise God for this victory, and 2. To stand firm, giving ourselves fully to the work of the Lord.
- What would it look like this week to "stand firm" and give yourself fully to the Lord's work, even in the middle of grief, hardship, or uncertainty?

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Application For This Week:

When aches, grief, or hard news unsettle you this week, pause and remind yourself: this body is not the end of the story. Choose one act of service, big or small, as an act of praise to the God who has already won the victory.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the victory You have given me through Jesus. When my body grows tired and this world presses in, remind me that decay and death do not have the final word. Help me stand firm this week, unmoved by grief or fear, and give myself fully to Your work, trusting that nothing done for You is ever wasted. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Verses To Meditate On This Week:

The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. — 1 Corinthians 15:42b-44

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" ... But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. — 1 Corinthians 55,57

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. — 1 Corinthians 15:58

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