



Our Trajectory

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Three Events that Set our Trajectory

- The resurrection
- The ascension
- The return



The Resurrection

John 20:1-9, 1 Cor 15:3-8

1. We should no longer fear death (Heb 2:14-15)
2. We know good triumphs over evil (Col 2:15)
3. We will also be resurrected
4. We will have a physical existence after our resurrection (1 Cor 15:42-44)

The Ascension

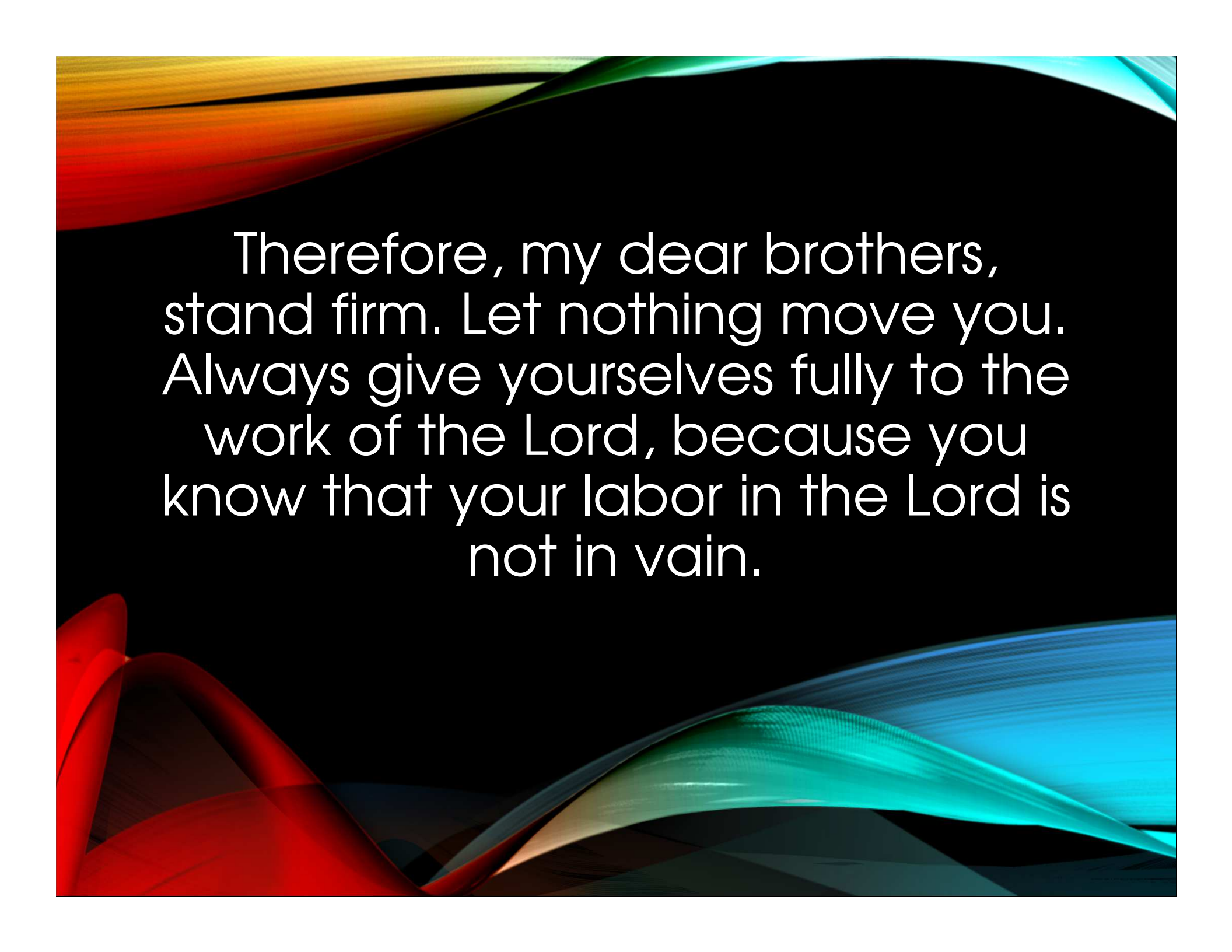
Mt 28:18, Acts 1:3-11

1. Jesus was physically alive – he wasn't just a ghost.
2. Jesus is the ruler over all authorities. (Eph 1:19-23)
3. Jesus defeated our enemies
(Col 2:15, Mt 12:28, Jn 12:31)
4. We can rest in the finished work that Jesus accomplished for us!
(Heb 10:12, Ps 110:1, Acts 7:55)
5. Jesus sent the gifts of the Holy Spirit (Eph 4:7-8)

The Return

Acts 1:11

1. He will conquer the final enemy, death
(1 Cor 15:24-28)
2. He will come to judge the world (Ps 98:9)
3. He will usher in a new, physical, uncorrupted kingdom on the earth (Rev 21:1-4)
4. Our work in the Lord (now) is not in vain
(1 Cor 15:53-58)



Therefore, my dear brothers,
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.



Thoughts for Discussion

- Why does the fact that Jesus is alive matter to how we view death?
- How does living between the ascension and the return help us understand how to live now?