



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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1 Corinthians 15:13-20, 51-58

Read and Listen to “The Empty Stall”

Cowboy Tales From Roaring Rapids Ranch

Class Starter Discussion Questions

Use these questions to reflect on how obedience to Christ overcomes prejudice.

1. In the story, how does the empty stall in the barn reflect the empty tomb described in 1 Corinthians 15:13–20?

What parallels and/or differences do you see between loss and the resurrection hope in the empty stall and the empty tomb?

2. Paul teaches that if Christ has not been raised, our faith is in vain or empty.

Why is the resurrection essential to the Christian faith? How does Jake explain this truth in everyday ranch terms? Can you improve on Jake’s explanation?

3. What does it mean that “death is swallowed up in victory” (1 Corinthians 15:54–55)?

How does this promise reshape the way we grieve and remember those we have lost?

4. According to 1 Corinthians 15:51–52, what transformation awaits believers in the future?

How does this promise strengthen courage in the face of aging and death?

5. Paul concludes by saying our “labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58).

How does resurrection hope motivate faithful daily work, even in ordinary ranch tasks? How does this hope motivate you daily?