



# Reflections from the Sequoia Room

A Weekly Devotional  
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This Easter, I find myself reflecting not only on the ancient story of the empty tomb, but also on the stories I’ve heard in real time—stories shared around a circle of faithful companions in our Lenten study, Illuminating Faith. Over five weeks, we journeyed through Scripture, trust and wilderness, sacrifice and hope. And as we approached the Easter story, we returned to a simple but profound question:

What does resurrection mean to you today?

For some in our group, the word was hope—the kind that rises after hardship. For others, it was faith, the quiet courage to pursue new life. Some said trust, especially when the path ahead is unclear. A few offered joy, the deep delight that tells us we’re still alive. And several named journey itself as resurrection—a long, winding process of learning, falling, and rising again.

One voice said clearly, “Without resurrection, there is no Christianity.” Another spoke of mystical peace during a lucid dream. Still another described the hard-won grace that comes not from understanding the resurrection, but from living into it. The early disciples didn’t grasp it all either—but they lived it. And that’s what made it real.

We did not demand that anyone accept resurrection as a literal, bodily event. For many of us, the resurrection of Jesus is not about forcing belief in a supernatural fact—it’s

about entering a deeper truth beneath the story. A truth that tells us our physical death is not the end. That our mistakes, our griefs, our betrayals do not have the final word. That love is stronger than fear. That grace can undo the curse.

Christian faith, as we discovered together, is not just a belief—it's a practice. A living, breathing, struggling journey. Resurrection is not a ticket to heaven; it is a call to live faithfully on earth. It is not just about Jesus rising from the dead; it's about us rising again—and again—when life breaks us down.

I believe resurrection is real because I've seen it. In quiet breakthroughs, in healing from loss, in hard-won forgiveness, and in renewed trust after despair. I've seen it when someone dares to hope again, when joy flickers after grief, when courage shows up in the middle of fear.

So what does resurrection mean to me today? It means that we are not finished. It means that even when things fall apart, God is not done. It means that something more is always possible—because God is always present.

And maybe that's what Easter asks of us—not just to celebrate Jesus' resurrection, but to find our own story in it.

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