

A photograph of a cave entrance, split vertically. The left side is dark and shadowed, while the right side is bright and open to a clear sky. The rock walls are textured and layered.

***NOW THAT...***

***WE KNOW HOW THE STORY ENDS***

If you could  
go back in  
time ...



Just as Christ was raised from the dead  
through the glory of the Father, we too may  
live a new life.

(Romans 6:4b)

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)



Therefore

A photograph of a cave entrance, split vertically down the middle. The left side is dark and shadowed, while the right side is bright and open to a clear sky. The text 'NOW THAT...' is centered across the split.

***NOW THAT...***

Knowing how the story ends makes all the difference.



Therefore

Therefore, my  
dear brothers and  
sisters,  
stand firm.



(1 Corinthians 15:58a)

Let nothing move  
you.

(1 Corinthians 15:58a)



Let no other  
stories move you,  
pull you away  
from God's  
resurrection story.



(1 Corinthians 15:58a)

Always give  
yourselves fully to  
the work of the  
Lord....



Restoring Beauty

(1 Corinthians 15:58b)



Your labor in the  
Lord is not in vain  
(it matters).



(1 Corinthians 15:58c)

Your ...  
active participation in  
God's story of  
restoring beauty ...  
always matters, truly  
matters.  
... even when you  
can't see ...



(1 Corinthians 15:58c)

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A photograph of a tunnel entrance, split vertically. The left side is dark and shadowed, while the right side is bright and open to a clear sky. The rock walls of the tunnel are textured and layered.

***NOW*** ***THAT...***

We know how the story ends...

Message 1: Now that I have been buried and raised with Christ, I can live a fundamentally new, resurrected life with Him today.

Message 2: Now that my true self, the masterpiece that God had in mind when He created me, is alive and "real," I can start living fully and wholly as myself.

Message 3: Now that I have been raised to a new life in Christ and grace has set me free to choose my own master, I will choose carefully, for I surrender myself to become a servant of the one I choose -- either to sin that leads to death or to God that leads to life that is truly life.

Message 4: Now that I am clothed in Christ ... I will let the world see my whole, true, redeemed self - my salvation is not supposed to be a secret!

Message 5: Now that I've been raised with Christ, I can choose to set my heart and mind on Kingdom-oriented realities instead of things that have no lasting meaning.

Message 6: Now that I know how the Story ends, I can live each day with a settled confidence in a resurrection-life future, actively working at moving God's Story toward its final act.

# ***INVITATION***

*"How would my life look different if I leaned into the truth of the resurrection a little bit more?"*

*How would VCC look different if we leaned in together?*