

## **Paul's Wager**

### **1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

*The life we're called to live only makes sense in light of the Resurrection.*

I. What was Pascal's wager? What was Paul's wager? (v19-20)

II. Why was Paul willing to make the wager? (v20)

- Characteristics of the resurrection body:

- i. Given by God (v36-38)

- ii. Imperishable (v42)

- iii. Glorious (v43)

- iv. Powerful (v43)

- v. Spiritual (v44)

- vi. Heavenly (v47-49)

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#### **FOR FURTHER THOUGHT**

1. What is Paul's wager? Why was he willing to make it?
2. Read 1 Cor 15:17-19. If there were no Resurrection, would Paul be a Christian? Would you? Why or why not?
3. Paul gave up a great deal of comfort to follow Christ wholeheartedly, banking it all on the Resurrection. What difference does the Resurrection make in your own life? Would your life make sense if there were no Resurrection?
4. To what extent does God call us to give up the things our culture seeks after? What would be the impact on your own lifestyle if you took this passage at face value?
5. What would be the impact on the church if Christians in America really took up Paul's wager? What would be the impact on world missions?
6. Of the aspects of the resurrection body described in 1 Corinthians 15:35-44, what excites you the most? Why?