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A FABULOUS FUTURE

(1Corinthians 15:50-57)

1. **REMEMBERING** What was a recent time when you excitedly, eagerly anticipated an upcoming event?
2. **REFLECTING** What was it—what were the factors and circumstances involved—that created so much excitement and eager anticipation?
3. **DISCOVERING** Read aloud 1Cor 15:50-57 and answer the questions that follow.
 - What details does Paul provide about how all believers will be transformed in 50-53?
 - What details that Paul provides in 54-56 are cause for great celebration?
 - What are reasons Paul calls for God to be praised in 57?
 - Beyond the “victory” over death (57), what other victories does God supply through the resurrection of Jesus?
4. **CONNECTING** Which of the details that Paul unpacks about our present and our future are most meaningful to you at this point in your life and why?
5. **RESPONDING** Discuss the Calvin quote below. What are specific things you will do this week to make this description more of a reality in your own life?

But it is monstrous, that instead of this desire of death, multitudes who boast themselves to be Christians, are filled with such a dread of it, that they tremble whenever it is mentioned, as if it were the greatest calamity that could befall them. It is no wonder, indeed, if our natural feelings should be alarmed at hearing of our dissolution. But it is intolerable that there should not be in a Christian breast sufficient light of piety to overcome and suppress all that fear with superior consolation. For if we consider, that this unstable, depraved, corruptible, frail, withering tabernacle of our body is dissolved, in order that it may hereafter be restored to a durable, perfect, incorruptible, and heavenly glory, will not faith constrain us ardently to desire what natural dreads? If we recall that by death we are recalled from exile to inhabit our own country, and that a heavenly one, shall we derive thence no consolation? ...This we may positively conclude, that no man has made any good proficiency in the school of Christ, but he who joyfully expects both the day of death and that of the final resurrection.

(John Calvin, *Institutes of Christian Religion*)