

All the Difference
a Bible study note from Wayne Braudrick

Reasonable and Transformative

Trust in the resurrection of Jesus is reasonable and transformative. Reasonable, since few events in history are better affirmed by testimony and logic. Transformative, since the risen Redeemer changes the lives of all who trust Him; they are empowered to follow Him in resurrection life.

This reasonable transformation is remarkably independent of circumstances, crafting blessing and change that is not limited to the sensate here and now. Whatever pains you are facing today are certainly real and loom large. Just today I have received letters from a woman recently abandoned by her husband, a student fearing college costs, and someone desperately ill with stomach flu. We recoil at the impact of such pains; yet we recognize that these valid horrors are nonetheless ultimately unreasonable and non-transformative.

Eternally, as believers in the risen Messiah, you and I are not permanently changed by the evils of this life. As real as they appear today, we know they shall pass and become in hindsight as worthy of fear as the “monsters” in one’s childhood closet. Because Jesus is alive, we can see further than now and sense a revolutionary peace that passes all current understanding. That’s why Job – while still in the grip of the worst suffering a human has endured – said with confidence:

*I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet in my flesh I will see God;
I myself will see him
with my own eyes – I, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!
(Job 19:25-27 NIV)*

Speaking of transformation, we will continue our study of 1 Peter this coming weekend. I look forward to either studying with you online or seeing you at church as we examine the stirring truths of 1 Peter 1:22-2:3.

God bless,
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