

## NEXT STEP: STUDY &amp; SHARE

## READINGS

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O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, & by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives & reigns with you & the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever. Amen.

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How can you find encouragement toward this simple truth & fact of Jesus' resurrection?  
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