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Donna and I have been blessed and inspired by Ravi Zacharias. I want to share a little of his Easter Reflection he wrote this week. You can sign up for his blog or learn more about Ravi at <https://www.rzim.org>.

This week Ravi's Easter reflection was entitled, "**No More or Not Here?**"



After Jesus rose from the dead, the women went to visit where they had placed the body. The angel they met did not say, "*He is **no more!***" He said, "*Why are you looking for the living among the dead? He is **not here: He is risen***" (Luke 24:5-6).

That statement defines everything about who we are. For the one who has given his or her life to Jesus, we will never ever "*Not be!*" We are meant to be in his presence eternally. The very phrase "goodbye" is a contraction of "*God be with you.*" It is the same with "*adios*": "Go with God."

The time will come when we all will say goodbye or adios for the last time. When that happens, how wonderful to know that those who speak for us do not have to say, "He is no more." They can victoriously say, "He is not here; he is risen."

The hymn writer said it triumphantly:

*Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Ravi then concludes, that is why the Easter greeting is not, "He is no more." Rather it is, "He is risen!" And the joyful reply, "He is risen indeed."

I look forward to celebrating our Risen Savior together this Sunday! I sure you hope you can join us!

- Don't forget this date. We need your help and participation in evaluating and developing our Future Focus Vision for our church. **Please join us this Wednesday April 24th at 6:30pm for a "Town Hall Future Focus Round Table" presentation and discussion lead by Phil Miller.** I believe this is God's opportune time for Faith Fellowship to consider our future and develop an action plan that will lead us forward. YOU play a vital part in this vision!

He Is Risen indeed!
Pastor Garry

*"We are a **faith fellowship** of believers on our journey **together** with our Lord... meeting needs, mending hearts."*