

Resurrection Life

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Review & Use: 2 Corinthians 4 We Do Not Lose Heart

2 Corinthians Chapter 4 OVERVIEW

1. God strategically extends the New Covenant benefits through our relational influence. (vv. 1-6)
2. Our current suffering reveals God's power and expands the fragrance of Christ. (vv. 7-12)
3. Convinced of our future resurrection, our speech extends God's grace to others. (vv. 13-15)
4. Anchored and focused on the glorious Gospel, we do not lose heart. (vv. 16-18)

What does Paul testify to that shows us he had hope & optimism in the midst of heartache & obstacles?

2 Cor. 4:1 "...we do not lose heart."

*2 Cor. 4:8-9 We are afflicted in every way, **but** not crushed; perplexed, **but** not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, **but** not forsaken; struck down, **but** not destroyed;*

2 Cor. 4:16 "...we do not lose heart."

What realities did Paul focus on that produced such hope & optimism in the midst of heartache & obstacles?

- God made his light shine in our hearts so that we can know his glory, seen in Jesus Christ. We no longer live in darkness. (v. 6)
- God includes us in his cosmic plan of rescue and redemption. We have divine purpose and calling. (v. 1)
- We now carry his truth within us, like a treasure in jars of clay, as a testimony to the world. (v. 7)
- Our spirits now have the capacity to be renewed every single day. (v. 16)
- Our present troubles are achieving future benefits, that vastly outweigh anything we face today. (v. 17)
- So, we fix hearts & minds on future, eternal matters and this produces extreme hope & endurance. (v. 18)

How can we maintain a similar posture of heart and framework of thinking?

1. SCRIPTURALLY GROUNDED PRAYERS: _____
Ex: Rom 8:28,29b And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. 29...to become [like] His Son...
 - "we know"
 - "that God causes"
 - "all things"

- ***“to work together”***
- ***“for good”***
- ***“to those who love God, to those who are called”***
- ***“according to His purpose”***
- ***“to become [like] His Son”***

2. DOCTRINALLY SOUND PRAYERS: _____

Example from Andrew Murray:

First, He [God] has brought me here. It is by His will I am in this strait [channel, canal] place: in that fact I will rest. Next, He will keep me here in His love, and give me grace to behave as His child. Then, He will make the trial a blessing, teaching me the lessons He intends me to learn, and working in me the grace He means to bestow. Last, in His good time He can bring me out again...how and when He knows. Let me say:

Andrew Murray (Missionary From Scotland To South Africa 1895)

1. I AM HERE BY GOD'S _____
2. I AM IN HIS KEEPING & _____
3. I AM UNDER HIS _____
4. I AM HERE FOR HIS PURPOSES & DETERMINED _____.

Reflection & Discussion

1. What problem in my life has caused the greatest growth in me?
2. What current situation in my life could use a boost of hope & optimism? Does my posture of heart and framework of thinking about this situation follow Paul's example?
3. Which of the two prayer examples (Romans 8:28-29 or Andrew Murray's four anchor truths) will I practice this week?

SONGS

“GLORIOUS DAY” - John Wilbur Chapman, Mark Hall, Michael Bleecker

“CANNONS” - Phil Wickham

“KING OF MY HEART” - John and Sarah McMillan

“NAMES” - Tiffany Hudson, Amanda Lindsey Cook, Jason Ingram

BUDGET

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WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,093.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$675,766.77
Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$721,860.00