



LIVING THE CROSS—PART 7

## GLORY OUTWEIGHS SUFFERING

### DO NOT LOSE HEART

2 CORINTHIANS 4:14-16

**We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself.** <sup>15</sup> All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup> **Therefore we do not lose heart.** Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

GALATIANS 2:20

**I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.** The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**The hope of our resurrection, which is sure because of Jesus' resurrection, is the key to not losing heart while suffering.**

### FIX OUR EYES ON THE UNSEEN

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18

Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though **outwardly we are wasting away**, yet **inwardly we are being renewed** day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our **light and momentary troubles** are achieving for us an **eternal glory** that far outweighs them all.

<sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on **what is seen**, but on **what is unseen**, since what is seen is **temporary**, but what is unseen is **eternal**.

JOHN 16:20-22

Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. <sup>21</sup>

**A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world.** <sup>22</sup> So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

**How do we fix our eyes on the unseen?**

- **Slow down**
- **Become quiet**
- **Listen to and speak with God**
- **Read and meditate on God's word**
- **Allow the Holy Spirit to affirm and confirm God's truth**

**We must invest time and effort focusing our attention beyond what we can easily see and feel.**