

The Treasure of Steadfastness

Assignment: Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Outline:

I. Steadfastness and Divine Mercy (2 Corinthians 4:1-6)

Things to Renounce (2 Cor. 4:1-2a)

Things to Commend (2 Cor. 4:2b-7)

II. Steadfastness and Divine Power (2 Corinthians 4:8-15)

To Manifest Christ (1 Cor. 4:8-12)

To Exalt God (1 Cor. 4:13-15)

III. Steadfastness and Divine Insight (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

His Person (2 Cor. 4:16)

His Affliction (2 Cor. 4:17-18)

Starter Questions

1. How did God speak to you through this passage?
2. What questions came to mind as you read this passage?
3. How is my life going to be different from reading this passage?

Potential Discussion Questions

1. Do you think today's society values honesty? Why or why not? Is there such a thing as a "white lie"? How would God view such statements? How can you develop the trait of honesty in your life and home? At work? With friends?
2. Why is the knowledge of God such a great treasure to have?
3. How can you show God's power in your life? How would others recognize His light in your life?
4. Comment on this statement: To the extent that we die to ourselves, to that extent we shall live to Christ.
5. Do you have any regrets about serving God? What do you think you have been deprived of that should have been yours? What have you been given that you would not otherwise have because of your relationship with Christ?
6. What is the "inward man"? How can you renew it daily?
7. In what practical, specific ways could you apply the truths of Matthew 11:28-30 in your life right now?

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