

NIV MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 4:18

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Building Foundation Faith 20-1

"EFFECTIVE MINISTRY"
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DAY 1 READ 2 Corinthians 3:1-4:18

1. What was meaningful to you from last week's lesson?
2. In chapters 3 and 4 how did Paul say his ministry was validated by . . .
 - a. . . . Corinthian lives in 3:3?
 - b. . . . change to Christlikeness in 3:18?
 - c. . . . confidence under pressure in 4:14?
 - d. . . . contact with suffering in 4:17?

DAY 2 REVIEW 2 Corinthians 3:1-11

3. a. How did Paul view the Corinthians?
 - b. Who had written that letter and where?
 - c. Who in your life is God's "love letter" to you? Share if you will the message they communicate.
4. From where did Paul's confidence and competence come?
5. a. How do verses 6-11 contrast the Old and New Covenants?
 - b. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. Summarize what that Scripture says.
6. Paul spoke of the "glory that lasts." Of what are we reminded in Colossians 1:27?

DAY 3 REVIEW 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

7. The hope of the New Covenant made Paul _____. Why do you think that is/is not an apt description of Christians today?
8. When is the veil of the Old Covenant removed?
9. a. In verse 17 what blessing comes to the one who turns to the Lord?
b. What does that mean to you personally?
10. a. What happens to those with unveiled faces?
b. What methods do you think God uses in the process of transforming our lives?

DAY 4 REVIEW 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

- 11.a. What did Paul renounce?
b. What did he do?
12. What does Satan do in verse 4?
- 13.a. What did Paul preach?
b. God gave Paul light. What commission had he received from Jesus in Acts 26:16-18?
c. For thought – as a Christian, God has made the light to shine in our hearts. How do you see yourself when you reflect it to others? A match, a candle, a flashlight or a beacon light? Write Ephesians 5:8.

DAY 5 REVIEW 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

14. a. God put this treasure in what?
b. Why?

DAY 5 (Continued) REVIEW 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

15.a. To show how God's power works to keep the frail vessel from breaking, Paul used four crisis situations. How did he cite victory in each?

- 1) external pressures
- 2) inner perplexity
- 3) interpersonal conflict
- 4) acute danger

b. What New Testament promises do we have for those same situations?

- 1) external pressures (1 Corinthians 10:13)
- 2) inner perplexities (James 1:5)
- 3) interpersonal conflict (Philippians 4:6,7)
- 4) acute danger (Revelation 2:10)

16. In verses 10-12, what motivated Paul to keep working under the conditions he described?

17. Despite suffering, Paul was spreading the gospel.

- a. What was his confident expectation?
- b. His suffering would bring about what in verse 15?

18. Why did Paul not lose heart?

19. a. What are our momentary troubles achieving for us?

- b. What is the difference between things seen and unseen?
- c. Consider your own "troubles." What practical advice can you draw from these verses that help you? Please share.

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: