

Series Title : The Gospel Means

**Talk one: We Don't Lose Heart**

(2 Corinthians 4:7 – 5:10)

When the Going Gets Tough

- The Corinthians were driving Paul nuts
  
- Paul knew following Jesus was tough
  - 2 Corinthians 4:3,8
  - 2 Corinthians 6:4ff
  - 2 Corinthians 11
  
- The drumbeat of this passage
  - 2 Corinthians 4:1 ...we do not lose heart
  - 2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart
  
- How do you 'not lose heart'?
  1. Fix our eyes on what we cannot see (4:13-18)
    - 2 Corinthians 4:18 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.
  
- Knowing we will be raised from the dead gives us perspective
  - 2 Cor 4:14
  
- 2. The 'unseen' home we look forward to (2 Corinthians 5:1-6)
  
- A temporary tent
  - 4:16 outwardly wasting away
  - 5:1 the earthly tent we live in
  - 5:4 while we are in this tent we groan and are burdened

- the 'unseen' eternal building

5:2 ...we long to be clothed with our heavenly body

5:4...clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life

5:6 ...in this body and away from the Lord

5:8 ...prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord

### 3. The unseen coming Judgement (2 Corinthians 5:7-10)

5:7 ...we live by faith and not by sight

5:10 For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done in the body, whether good or bad.

Therefore We Make it our Goal to Please Him now

2 Corinthians 4:18 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.

2 Corinthians 5:9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

Fix your eyes on what you cannot see.

Then you will not lose heart

And you will make your life about promoting and serving Jesus