

Strong Tower Bible Study

Agenda

Lesson # 31

Time 6:00pm -7:30pm

Topic: A Life of Becoming

Welcome

Opening Prayer:

Scripture text: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

¹³ It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because 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. ¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 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.

Things to know:

- The Apostle Paul is attributed to writing both 1st and 2nd Corinthians.
- Christianity is not a series of activities (pray, read the bible, go to church, worship, tithe). Christians are called into a Relationship with God the Father through Jesus Christ the Son.
- You are a Christian because you have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of your soul.
- Christians are called to become increasingly like Jesus 1 John 2:6
- God will allow and use challenges to reveal obstacles to our spiritual growth.
- God may choose to remove everything you rely on, (self, others, education, money, resources, reputation, etc.) so you can live moment by moment depended on Him.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is this treasure we hold? Vs 7
2. What does it mean to be “hard pressed” on every side? Have you ever been perplexed?
3. What do we know about being persecuted? Vs 9
4. What does it mean to “carry” about the dying of Jesus? Vs 10 How can we manifest Jesus in our mortal flesh? Vs 11
5. How are both death and life working in the follower of Christ at the same time? Vs 12
6. How does your faith move you into action? Vs 13
7. How does Vs 14 bring comfort?

8. In what light can we view our tests, and trials? Vs 15
9. Why is the follower of Christ Never defeated? Vs 16
10. How are we reminded a second time to view our tests, and trials? Vs 17.
11. How does this verse reframe the believers focus? Vs 18

Faith in Action:

- Stay consistent with praying this week.
- Walk in confidence that the Lord will see you through.
- Invite someone New to worship with you on Sunday or Wednesday nights.
- Follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit despite what you want to do this week.
- Reserve time to talk to Jesus and watch how He will answer

Challenge of the Week:

Start a prayer journal and for one week jot down the way God answered your prayer/s in the days ahead.

Or

Remove your cell phone away from you at night, place your Bible in its place open it to the book of Proverbs. Read a verse each day.

Scripture Application:

1 Thessalonians 5:11- How can we put this into action?

Romans 15:13- Do you see the benefit in sending this scripture to three other people? If so Why?

John 16:33 -Read this scripture 1x per day

Closing Prayer: