

A Timid Look At Temporary Times

Therefore → we do not lose heart

Text: II Cor. 4: 7-18

Intro

1. Live in a day of self destruction → look at world determined to do away with values.
2. Real life is etc.
3. Whole point of Chr. living → how to live in this world & not lose heart.
4. Bible talks about life → practical times.
 - 1) Peace → Rom. 5:1
 - 2) Transformation II Cor. 5:17.
 - 3) Joy → John 16:24.
 - 4) Power → Mark. 6:33
 - 5) Comfort → I John 5:14, 15
 - 6) Pardon → I John 1:9.
5. Point is → God has not called us → fear / worry / stress / depression / discontent / challenge
6. God has called us → II Cor. 4: 8-10-16-18 →
carry life ~~in~~ with power.
7. Seems like a great life → How?
 - 1) So much Distraction → world not real → so much hot air → Gal. 6: Cor. 13 / W. by L.
 - 2) So much. gone playing → motion → Gal. 6: 16-18
8. Bible → reality → Luke 11:28
9. See a three dimensional approach.

I. Recognize our purpose -

1. Use 7-12 →

2. 3 steps needed

1) Conceptually confident → vs. 7

(1) State of being sure.

(2) " " " certain

(3) " " relax/tired // just fact

~~(4) we are → clay jar → devoid of~~

(4) Clay we are clay jar / devoid of power.

(5) Ill: Hero of faith →

2) Cope with conflict → vs. 8-9.

(1) See the predators

(2) Ill: Man is unbeliever → imp → 26 years

3) Character of Christ → renewal // scripture // →

Ill: Purpose → I can → In large comment / times / Throne Bible.

II. Rejoice In Partnership

~~vs~~ 1. vs. 13-15

2. Two people

1) Partnership with Christ through faith + proclamation → Thinking → Ill. But Hero.

2) Partnership with Church → grow / thoughtful.

3) Ill: Said on product.

III. Renew in Power

1. 16-18

2. 3 statements -

- 1) Enjoys the inner life - (Tao)
- 2) Enjoys the outward life - (Ruey-hou)
- 3) Enjoys the eternal life (Portrait of Confucius)