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Seeing the Unseen

Paul has been laying down the truth of God's greatness despite the visible realities of hardships and difficulties.



**Paul used what could be seen to
highlight the surpassing
greatness of what is unseen: the
power and glory of God.**



**To “lose heart” means to be exhausted,
spiritless, or weary.**



**Let us not lose heart in doing good,
for in due time we will reap if we
do not grow weary.**

Galatians 6:9



**We have this treasure in earthen
vessels, so that the surpassing
greatness of the power will be of God
and not from ourselves.**

2 Corinthians 4:7



**For to me, to live is Christ and to
die is gain.**

Philippians 1:21



But if Jesus is our ultimate aim and greatest joy, then everything that draws us close to Him – or makes us more like Him – is a gift of grace.



**...I will rather boast about my
weaknesses, so that the power of
Christ may dwell in me.**

2 Corinthians 12:9



**What is seen is real, but
what is unseen is ultimate.**



**...we were burdened excessively,
beyond our strength, so that we
despaired even of life.**

2 Corinthians 1:8



Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:2-4



And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren.

Romans 8:28-29



**God is purposefully preparing us to
be more like Jesus.**



His death was not the end of the story; it gave way to the glory of the resurrection.



**Eternity is on the horizon for
every Christian.**



**The grass withers, the flowers fade, but
the Word of our God stands forever.**

Isaiah 40:8



**And when the Chief Shepherd
appears, you will receive the
unfading crown of glory.**

1 Peter 5:4



Walking by faith doesn't mean we stop seeing the things around us. It means we stop allowing the things we see to have the final word.





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