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Pastor Tim Wood - 24/7 Series: Living for Christ Everyday

Daily Renewal
2 Corinthians 4: 16-18

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

3 Factors to Daily Renewal

1. The _____ factor.

“So we’re not giving up. How could we!” (V. 16a - The Message)

2. The _____ factor.

“Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There’s far more here than meets the eye.” (VV. 16b - 17 MSG)

3. The _____ factor.

“The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can’t see now will last forever.” (V. 18 - MSG)

*The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.*

*He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.*

*Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;*

*but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.*

*They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.*

Isaiah 40:28-31

Small Group & Personal Study: 24/7 Discipleship Series

Daily Renewal

This week we are going to look at where we go to renew our strength and how we can dip into the well of living water and be refreshed.

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 4:18

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Daily Reading:

Day 1 – 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

Day 2 – Isaiah 40:1-11

Day 3 – Isaiah 40:12-26

Day 4 – Isaiah 40:27-31

Day 5 – Isaiah 41:1-10

Day 6 – Isaiah 41:11-29

Day 7 – Colossians 3:1-17

Lesson: Renewed Daily Strength

1. Review our memory verse, 2 Corinthians 4:18 and then read Colossians 3:1-17 together. What is the object of our renewal found in this text? How does that provide daily renewal for you?
2. How do you go about the process of setting your heart and mind on things above and Christ who is seated on the throne in all His glory?
3. What are we told to put on daily in Colossians 3?
4. After reading through Isaiah 40 and 41, share any verse that God has spoken renewal into your life this week.

The Discipline of Daily Renewal

More than any other discipleship principle this one will require the truth of God to work in you as you fight off the lies of Satan and accept the truth of God. In Acts 3:19 the Bible says that when we repent and turn to God not only do we receive the forgiveness of sins but we receive a time of refreshing from the Lord. I like the way the Message says it, "Turn to face God so he can wipe away your sins, pour out showers of blessing to refresh you, and send you the Messiah he prepared for you, namely, Jesus. For the time being he must remain out of sight in heaven until everything is restored to order again just the way God, through the preaching of his holy prophets of old, said it would be."

Renewal and strength to go through life day by day comes through taking time each day to stop, remember, trust and to be encouraged by seeing believing with your heart that Jesus is Lord.

1. Jesus, Lord of the Cross died for my sins so that I might live with Him.

- "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11
- "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25-26

2. Jesus, Lord of the throne who reigns in power and justice over all things so that I might release every fear and every need to Him and look forward to being in His glory forever and ever.

- Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16
- "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

3. Jesus, Lord of my heart promises to be with me always and be my strength and my refreshing.

- God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" Hebrews 13:5-6
- "Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." John 15:4
- "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:20

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