



Introduction - The Comfort of God - Part 5

Living as Agents of Heaven

Scripture Focus: 2 Corinthians 4:17–5:10

In this passage, the Apostle Paul provides a profound shift in perspective. He moves our focus from the "seen"—our current struggles, physical limitations, and earthly troubles—to the "unseen" reality of eternity.

Paul uses the imagery of a **temporary tent** to describe our earthly bodies and an **eternal building** to describe our future resurrected state. To live as "agents of heaven" means running every hardship through the filter of eternity, trusting in the Holy Spirit as our "deposit," and making it our primary ambition to please the Lord.

Group Discussion Questions

1. **The Tent vs. The Building:** Paul compares our physical bodies to a fragile, temporary tent. In what ways does this imagery change how you view physical aging, illness, or "weariness" in your present body?
2. **The Filter of Eternity:** Paul calls his significant hardships "light and momentary" (2 Corinthians 4:17). How can looking at a current "heavy" problem through the lens of eternity change your emotional response to it?
3. **Living by Faith, Not Sight:** What is one area of your life right now where "sight" (circumstances) is screaming louder than "faith" (God's promises)? How can the group pray for you to focus on the unseen reality?
4. **The Holy Spirit as a Deposit:** Paul mentions the Spirit is a down payment or "seal" of ownership. How does knowing you are "Property of the Lord" change the way you face spiritual attacks or feelings of insecurity?
5. **Our Highest Ambition:** Verse 9 says we make it our goal to please Him. Practically speaking, what does it look like to prioritize "pleasing the Lord" over "fixing the problem" when you are in the middle of a crisis?