



TAKE HEART; DON'T LOSE HOPE

II Corinthians 4:16-18 “... though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

**HAPPINESS IS *NOT* THE ABSENCE OF PROBLEMS,
BUT THE *ABILITY TO DEAL WITH THEM.***

And,

***WE CAN ONLY DEAL WITH THEM APPROPRIATELY
BY ALLOWING JESUS TO DO THE DEALING.***

Sometimes “life” can absolutely floor us. Day by day we face difficulties – some seemingly insurmountable – that can weigh us down and keep us in a pit of depression, sorrow, or anguish. But, when we have a genuine, growing relationship with Jesus Christ, *His presence* renews us in the midst of life’s turmoil.

When we focus on the present, we tend to lose sight of **The One** who holds the present as well as the future. **Jesus is The One** who gives us life and power. He enables our minds, our emotions, and our will, conforming us to His purpose.

The hardships of this life really are *nothing* compared to the glory of Christ. Spending time in His Presence, worshipping Him, can clear our hearts and minds, helping us to think clearly, enabling us to face the situations at hand.

And then, when we get to Heaven, one moment in His Presence will cast all this earthly stuff into total oblivion. Knowing that we are with Him forever will bring eternal peace.

So, don’t lose hope! Take heart! You may be facing one battle after another. But, this, too, shall pass. Whatever you are going through will not last forever. If you have trusted Jesus as your Savior, then He is The One in control of your life. Only He knows the next moment, the next day, the next week, or year. Just let Him have His way, trusting that He is working everything out for the best.

Worry won’t change anything!

Worshipping and trusting Jesus will change everything!!!