



Overcomer: Week 3

Overcoming Hurts

BIG IDEA: Hurt afflicts us and makes us feel like we are wasting away. Yet in our hurt there is an opportunity for our spirit to be renewed by God.

TEACHING POINTS:

- God is storing the treasure of Jesus inside His followers.
- The way we walk through pain demonstrates His power.
- Our problem is we fix our eyes on what is seen—now.
- We cannot identify with Christ's life without taking on His death.

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SCRIPTURE: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-18

OPENING QUESTIONS

- 1. Share a time you were hurt as a kid by someone you cared about.
- 2. What valuable thing in your life is the most fragile?

IN THE WORD

- 1. Talk about your observations from 2 Corinthians 4:7-8.
- 2. In what way does 2 Corinthians 4:7-9 help us deal with the hurts and pains in our life?
- 3. What does, "death is at work in us," mean in 2 Corinthians 4:12?
- 4. Why is 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 so important in dealing with our own hurts and suffering, as well as helping others with their pain?
- 5. Put 2 Corinthians 4:16 into your own words to encourage someone else.
- 6. How can 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 help us see our problems as light and momentary?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

- 1. What are the ramifications of God storing His most important treasure in you?
- 2. How can the reality of Heaven help you have perspective when you feel there is no way out?
- 3. How has God shown His power at work in you during hurtful moments?
- 4. Share one or two truths you can take away from this discussion to help you or others in time of pain.

CONTINUED LEARNING

Notice how 2 Corinthians 5:1-7 helps us continue to have an eternal perspective even during the hurtful times of life.

) I WILL:

I will obey something from God's word in the next 24-48 hours.

) I'LL SHARE:

I will share, with either a believer or non-believer, what God is teaching me and what I'm learning.

Notes & Prayers

