

**Sermon Title:** Lasting Glory  
**Sermon Series:** Glory  
**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 4:16-18  
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**2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NIV**

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

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**2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NLT**

16 That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. 17 For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! 18 So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

**Step #1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**John 17:16 ESV**

They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

**2 Corinthians 4:14 ESV**

"knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence."

**2 Corinthians 4:16**

"that is why we do not lose heart" (NIV)

"that is why we never give up" (NLT)

## Step #2: Seek Eternity First

### Matthew 6:31-33 ESV

31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. **33 But seek first the kingdom of God** and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

### Exodus 20:3 ESV

"You shall have no other God's before me."

### Matthew 6:33 ESV

1. "All these things will be added to you."

### Matthew 7:24 ESV

2. "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

### Isaiah 40:28-29 ESV

3. Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

**"that is why we never give up" 2 Corinthians 4:16 (NLT)**

**We never give up doing what?**

## Step #3: Live On Mission For Jesus

### 2 Corinthians 5:20 ESV

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us."

### John 17:14-20 ESV

14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 **I do not ask that you take them out of the world**, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the

truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, **so I have sent them into the world**. 19 And for their sake **I consecrate myself**, that they also may be sanctified in truth. 20 “I do not ask for these only, but also **for those who will believe in me through their word**,

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