



A COMPANION WORKBOOK FOR 2 CORINTHIANS

THE STABILIZING GOSPEL

*True sight for people
who are far too easily shaken*

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-18

GRACE POINT CHURCH

THE BIG IDEA

We do not lose heart because the gospel gives us true sight: faith that suffering cannot silence produces hope that death cannot kill through grace that leads to glory beyond comprehension.

Comfort can make us far too easily pleased, short-sighted, and easily shaken. The gospel lifts our eyes from the passing circumstances of right now to the sovereign and good God who raised Jesus, renews us daily, and is preparing an eternal weight of glory.

KEY SCRIPTURE

"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day."

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16

Where am I most easily shaken right now? What visible circumstance has become larger than God's promises?

REFLECT AND RESPOND

FAITH THAT SPEAKS

Paul joins the suffering Psalmist in saying, 'I believed, and so I spoke.' True gospel faith is not silenced by opposition, misunderstanding, or pain. It bows to no one but God and speaks because Jesus is Lord.

"We also believe, and so we also speak."

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13

FAITH THAT CANNOT BE SILENCED

1

TRUSTS GOD'S WISDOM

Speak when others do not see His glory.

2

TRUSTS GOD'S WAYS

Speak when suffering does not feel like blessing.

3

SURRENDERS TO JESUS

Let obedience matter more than comfort or approval.

Where has fear, suffering, or misunderstanding made my faith quiet? What truth about Jesus do I need courage to speak?

BELIEVE AND SPEAK

HOPE THAT KNOWS

Biblical resurrection hope is never described as a wish. We know that the God who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and bring His people together into His presence. Our confidence rests in God's character and promise.

GOD'S CHARACTER

- He raised Jesus
- He defeats death
- He finishes what He starts

GOD'S PROMISE

- He will raise us
- He will gather His people
- He will make all things new

We are not wishing things will change. Because Jesus rose, we know they will.

Where am I placing hope in something that cannot survive death? How does the resurrection steady me?

ROOTING HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION

GRACE THAT SPREADS

Paul suffered, believed, spoke, and hoped for the Corinthians' sake. Yet people were not the final reason. All things are rooted in grace and intended for glory. Grace moves outward until thanksgiving rises and God is glorified.

"As grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God."

2 CORINTHIANS 4:15

1

GRACE EXTENDS

God's undeserved favor reaches more and more people.

2

THANKSGIVING INCREASES

Those who receive grace respond with grateful worship.

3

GOD IS GLORIFIED

The final purpose is His kingdom, beauty, and praise.

What is the 'final why' behind my choices, service, suffering, and hope? Where do I need God's glory to become my highest purpose?

ROOTED IN GRACE, INTENDED FOR GLORY

RENEWED DAY BY DAY

Our outer self is truly wasting away, but gospel hope does not depend on preserving what is temporary. The God who raises the dead renews the inner self every day. Resurrection hope is the only source that does not run dry.

Faith gives constant courage. Hope gives daily renewal. Grace gives eternal purpose.

CULTIVATE RESURRECTION HOPE

1

RELATIONSHIP

Pursue the living Jesus instead of trying to repair yourself alone.

2

THE WORD

Feed your soul on promises that remain when feelings and bodies fail.

3

DEPENDENCE

Receive God's good gifts without putting them in God's place.

Where am I looking for renewal in a weak substitute? How will I cultivate resurrection hope this week?

RECEIVING DAILY RENEWAL

LOOK TO THE UNSEEN

Only God sees how every piece fits together. We may not know exactly how a specific suffering will deepen grace, dependence, or righteousness. But we can know what He is preparing: glory beyond all comparison.

LIGHT AFFLICTION → ETERNAL WEIGHT

MOMENTARY → EVERLASTING

SEEN → UNSEEN

TRANSIENT → ETERNAL

Love God's sovereignty. Trust God's goodness. Live for His eternal purpose. Hold fast to the God who saves.

What present pain or pleasure is narrowing my vision? How would looking to the unseen reshape my response?

FIXING MY EYES ON ETERNITY

DISCUSSION & PRAYER

- 01 Where are comfort and short-sightedness making you too easily shaken?
- 02 Why does true faith speak even when suffering and opposition are costly?
- 03 How is resurrection hope different from wishing circumstances would improve?
- 04 How does grace extending to others produce thanksgiving and God's glory?
- 05 Which weak substitute do you use when you need daily renewal?
- 06 What does it mean to love God's sovereignty and trust God's goodness together?

PRAY: Confess where visible circumstances have controlled your heart. Thank God for resurrection hope, ask for constant courage and daily renewal, and pray for grace to spread through your life to His glory.

NOTES AND PRAYER

AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

Look not to the things that are seen, but to the things that are unseen.

The sermon closes by calling suffering sinners to gospel rest through an honest, humble, hopeful, and happy faith fixed on eternity.

1

WHERE HAVE I FOCUSED ON THINGS THAT PASS AWAY?

Name the comfort, fear, loss, desire, or visible circumstance holding your gaze.

2

HOW WOULD AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE SET ME FREE?

Choose one concrete way to thank God and trust God in what He is leading you through.

The things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

MY NEXT STEP OF GOSPEL SIGHT