



A COMPANION WORKBOOK FOR 2 CORINTHIANS

PREPARED FOR ETERNITY

*Our eternity is secure,
so we keep walking by faith*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-10

GRACE POINT CHURCH

THE BIG IDEA

Because God has prepared us for eternity, we must keep walking by faith through the undying hope, unseen courage, and unearned righteousness He gives.

Discouragement threatens perseverance by making visible burdens feel final. Paul turns our eyes from the temporary tent to God's eternal building. The Father prepares, the Son secures, and the Spirit guarantees what human hands cannot destroy.

KEY SCRIPTURE

"He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:5

Where is discouragement threatening to change the way, path, or reason I walk with Christ?

REFLECT AND RESPOND

THE TENT & THE BUILDING

The earthly tent is fragile, temporary, and burdened by groaning. God's building is permanent, heavenly, and not made with human hands. The destruction of the tent is not the destruction of the Christian's future.

THE EARTHLY TENT

- Temporary and fragile
- Groaning under burdens
- Mortal and passing away

THE HEAVENLY HOME

- Built and prepared by God
- Eternal in the heavens
- Mortality swallowed by life

When we focus on the tent of discouragement instead of the building from God, we stop walking by faith.

What temporary burden feels ultimate to me? How does God's eternal home put it in its proper place?

LOOKING BEYOND THE TENT

UNDYING HOPE

God has not merely noticed our mortality. He has acted to prepare His people for resurrection reality. The empty tomb turns Christian hope from a possibility into a guaranteed promise, and the indwelling Spirit is God's pledge of what is still to come.

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WHEN DISCOURAGEMENT SPEAKS

1

GROANING IS REAL

The gospel does not require us to deny burdens or pretend they do not hurt.

2

GOD HAS PREPARED US

No suffering, doubt, or mortal weakness can cancel His purpose.

3

THE SPIRIT GUARANTEES

God's presence now is the pledge of our full inheritance to come.

Am I letting discouragement guide my steps, or trusting the Spirit as God's guarantee?

RECEIVING UNDYING HOPE

UNSEEN COURAGE

Christian courage is not personality, denial, or self-confidence. It is Spirit-grounded assurance. Courage does not mean seeing the whole road; it means trusting the One who leads us down it. What captures our vision eventually directs our steps.

"For we walk by faith, not by sight."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

SIGHT SAYS → FAITH SAYS

I WILL OBEY IF I SEE → GOD HAS SPOKEN, SO I WALK

JUDGE GOD BY RIGHT NOW → JUDGE RIGHT NOW BY GOD'S WORD

What would it look like to trust what God has promised instead of being directed by what I can presently see?

MY NEXT STEP OF UNSEEN COURAGE

AIM TO PLEASE CHRIST

Courage is not an end in itself. It gives perseverance a target. Faithfulness becomes sustainable when pleasing Christ matters more than visible results, recognition, comfort, or knowing how close we are to the finish line.

"Whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:9

PLEASING CHRIST GIVES A REASON TO

1

KEEP PRAYING

Even when circumstances do not appear to change.

2

KEEP SERVING

Even when nobody seems to notice the cost.

3

KEEP FIGHTING

Even when the same temptation returns again.

4

KEEP FORGIVING

Even when obedience costs comfort once more.

Where have visible results become my measure of faithfulness? How can pleasing Jesus become my aim again?

AIMING AT THE PLEASURE OF CHRIST

UNEARNED RIGHTEOUSNESS

Every person will appear before the judgment seat of Christ, and life in the body matters. Yet Christ has already provided the righteousness He requires. We do not obey to become His; we pursue righteousness and repentance because grace has made us His.

The verdict secured by Jesus is not guilty. The life that follows aims to please Him.

NOT EARNING

- Justification by works
- A place in God's family
- Christ's love through success

GRACE-FILLED FAITHFULNESS

- Growing in righteousness
- Growing in repentance
- Obedience because we are His

Am I living as though Christ's 'not guilty' verdict is true for me and for the people around me?

LIVING FROM UNEARNED RIGHTEOUSNESS

DISCUSSION & PRAYER

- 01 Where is discouragement quietly eroding your perseverance?
- 02 How does God's eternal building change the way you view the earthly tent?
- 03 What does the Spirit's guarantee tell you about God's preparation for eternity?
- 04 How is walking by faith different from denying what you can see or feel?
- 05 Where have visible results replaced pleasing Christ as your aim?
- 06 How do grace and accountability belong together at Christ's judgment seat?

PRAY: Name the discouragement that has slowed your walk. Thank God for preparing an eternal home, ask the Spirit for unseen courage, and pray for faithful perseverance aimed at pleasing Christ.

NOTES AND PRAYER

WILL YOU WALK BY FAITH?

What is fading does not get the final word. What is clothed will be fully clothed. What is mortal will be swallowed up by life.

Sight judges God by what is happening right now. Faith judges what is happening right now by what God has already said. What captures our vision eventually directs our steps.

1

WHAT ABOUT THIS LIFE MAKES ME WANT TO GIVE UP?

Name the burden, fear, disappointment, or visible result threatening your perseverance.

2

WHAT ABOUT JESUS GIVES ME COURAGE TO KEEP GOING?

Choose one promise to trust and one faithful step to take this week.

Receive the courage God supplies. Keep walking by faith.

MY NEXT FAITHFUL STEP