



**March 17, 2024 | Pastor Keith Krell**  
**2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10 | “Out of Sight, In Mind”**

### **Scripture Reading**

2 Corinthians 4:16–5:10

1 Corinthians 15:50–58

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Titus 3:5–7

Romans 8:18–25

Colossians 3:1–4

Philippians 1:21–24

### **Study Questions**

1. What current circumstance or worry has you most tempted to lose heart (4:16)? In what specific ways do trials and physical deterioration help toward “an eternal weight of glory” (4:16–18)? Why is an eternal perspective so important to your spiritual growth and perseverance? What can you do today to shift your focus? Read Romans 5:2–5; James 1:2–4; and 1 Peter 1:6–7.
2. What are some “groanings” associated with your earthly “tent” (5:1)? How have your adverse circumstances tempted you to doubt the Lord? How have they caused you to depend on Him? Read Romans 8:18–25. How is God taking you from groaning to glory?
3. How does the promise of a new body comfort you (5:2–4)? Why does the down payment of the Holy Spirit (5:5) provide future assurance? In what ways are you homesick for heaven?
4. What are your fears about death and the afterlife? When considering death, how do Paul’s words in 5:1–8 comfort you? What particular biblical truth gives you courage right now (5:6, 8)? What does it mean to “walk by faith, not by sight” (5:7)? What aspects of your life are guided by your senses rather than your faith? How can you bring a faith perspective into these areas?
5. In what area of your life do you desire to better please the Lord (5:9–10)? How are you actively seeking to please God? How do you want to spend the few days allotted to you? How can the judgment seat of Christ motivate you?

### **Recommended Reading**

C. S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory* (Harper Collins, 1949)

Michael E. Wittmer, *The Last Enemy: Preparing to Win the Fight of Your Life* (Our Daily Bread, 2012)

Randy Alcorn, *In Light of Eternity: Perspectives on Heaven* (WaterBrook, 1999)

Kenneth Boa, *Life in the Presence of God: Practices for Living in Light of Eternity* (InterVarsity, 2017)