



Ingleside Notes

How to Not Lose Heart

Sunday, October 10, 2021 • Tim McCoy, Lead Pastor
Based on 2 Corinthians 4:1-5:10

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4 Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. . . .

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. (vv. 1, 16a, ESV)

1. Like the Apostle Paul, _____ of us will encounter circumstances where we will be tempted to lose heart.

² But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. (v. 2, ESV)

2. When you face situations that might cause you to lose heart, don't take _____ that compromise your _____ or the _____.

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel

of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (vv. 3-6, ESV)

3. When we face situations that might cause us to lose heart, we should not make it "all about _____," but we should recognize the larger, _____ dimensions involved.

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹ For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us, but life in you.

¹³ Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴ knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. (vv. 7-15, ESV)

4. Situations that might cause us to lose heart are intended to teach us to rely on _____, not our own.

5. Situations that might cause us to lose heart are intended to clarify and strengthen our _____ and our commitment to the _____ for the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. (vv. 16-18, ESV)

6. In situations that might cause us to lose heart – especially those that involve _____ suffering or decline – we should:

- (1) Recognize and re-affirm that our “ _____ self” is not all that there is to us;**
- (2) Give primary attention to the _____ and development of our “ _____ self;”**
- (3) Put it all in _____ perspective;**
- (4) _____ more and more on the things that are _____.**

5 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would

rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. (5:1-10, ESV)

7. In situations that might cause us to lose heart, we should remember that when we leave this body we will be “at _____ with the Lord.”

8. Until that day comes – and especially in situations when we are tempted to lose heart – we should “make it our _____ to _____” the Lord Jesus Christ.