



II Corinthians 4:13-18

¹³It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken. "With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. ¹⁵All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. ¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Worth The Hassle?

Often the trouble starter is speaking out v. 13

Two "Troubles" 1. Outward Deterioration v. 16

2. Light & Momentary troubles v. 17

The Motivators

1. We believe v. 13

2. The resurrection — His and ours v. 14

3. The hope of being in God's presence

4. The benefit: More people in God's grace v. 15

5. Overflowing thanksgiving to God's glory

6. Inner renewal v. 16

7. The achieving of an eternal glory! v. 17

Overall result: We do not lose heart 4:1 & 16

The Key

Focus our eyes on the "unseen" and eternal v. 18