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Rediscover Life
2 Corinthians 4:15-18



1. The Pitfalls of Life

- Disheartened spirit ... v16
“to lose heart” means to cease, to fail, be discouraged
- life must be fair
- there must be more to life than this

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1. The Pitfalls of Life

- Decaying body “outward man is falling apart”
- outer man is defined by worldly circumstances
- outer man is subject to the all the ills of this world
- We allow these things to define our life

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1. The Pitfalls of Life

- Demons ... v17 “light afflictions” or troubles and pressures of life
- Mistakes of others ...
Corinthians were criticizing Paul, he was losing steam
- Our mistakes ... wrong turns we have made, bad judgments
- We allow our life to be defined by demons



2. The Power of Life

- Serving others ... v15
- we never lose heart for the gospel never loses its power
- this defines our life
- Starting over ... day by day
- at the same time our bodies are wasting away, the inner man is being renewed
- faith merges into life and we are invigorated

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2. The Power of Life

- Stimulating the inner man
 - troubles are mere trifles afflictions
 - troubles produce an eternal weight of glory that is beyond comparison
 - this eternal weight defines us - troubles are opportunities for us
- Seeing eternal things ...v18
 - What we see is temporary
 - What we don't see is eternal

What Should I Do?

- Don't let the outer man define your life and who you are
- Life will never be fair - don't get discouraged when things don't work out like you thought
- Start over and over again and energize the inner man
- Merge faith into your life