**“This Life Is Not All There Is”**

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18, NASB**

*Current Sermon Series: 2 Corinthians*

**Introduction**: Someone once said, “It’s a hard life, and then you die!” Pretty cynical for sure. Maybe one should say, “It’s a hard life, you die, and then what?” What is next? Eternity awaits ALL of us. This is a must-read text of Scripture from 2 Corinthians. A careful reading of the Bible will reveal that this life here on earth is not all that there is (Hebrews 13:14; Philippians 3:20; Hebrews 11:13).

**Four Helpful Thoughts**:

1. **We All Face Discouragement** (v. 16).

* Paul reaffirms his resilience to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** ahead.
* Paul faced his share of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

1. **We All Face Mortality** (v. 16).

* In addition to the challenges presented to us by the capricious **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of life, we are also in the process of physically **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
* We are all **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
* So, while the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** self, your body, is wasting away, not so with your **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** self. It is being renewed daily!

1. **We All Face Suffering** (v. 17).

* The **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** does not shy away from the problem and reality of pain and suffering.
* The Bible invites us to struggle intellectually and emotionally with the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** realities of pain, evil, and suffering.
* Does the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of suffering necessarily mean the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of God?
* Oddly, the Bible indicates that problems and human limitations have several **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

1. **We All Face Eternity** (v. 18).

* This **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** is not all there is!
* The deaths of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** people are timely reminders that God is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and in full control.
* The challenge is to look **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** what we can see to that which we cannot see. To look beyond the physical to the spiritual.

**Your Response:** Dear friend, the **TRUTH** is you will spend your eternity with Jesus OR, you will spend your eternity separated from Jesus. Will you this very morning come to Jesus? Stop wandering and run to Jesus.