



St. Paul's Lutheran Church Messenger

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Saints at St Paul's,

This week at Bible class I was reminded about a Bible verse that was our theme of our summer camp.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

We spent the summer pointing out that no matter what happens, God will work it out. This life and our struggles are *light and momentary*.

Paul writes this encouragement to the people of Corinth, but how exactly do you do this? “*We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.*” Is Paul serious? Is Paul asking the impossible? Paul is asking the people to look to the Lord in faith. Faith that looks with trust to the Lord that He can, will, or already has worked things out in His way and in His time. A faith that does not need to have every question answered with a perfect answer, but a God with a perfect salvation for His people. God is in control. No matter the size of the problem before you, God can get around it, over it, or remove it if he wills it. We just have to trust and have faith in Him.

Praise be to Christ Jesus,

Pastor David Hardin