October 15, 2014 "Never Give Up" 2 Corinthians 3-4

- 1) Learn that Trust (3:5) leads to Boldness (3:12) and results in Freedom "Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." (3:17)
- 2) Begin with the End in Mind "Therefore, since we have this ministry because we were shown mercy, we do not give up." (4:1, 16)
- 3) Don't Expect Encouragement from the World "But if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers so they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ." (4:4)
- 4) Anticipate Setbacks but don't accept Defeat "...pressured but not crushed...perplexed but not in despair...persecuted but not abandoned...struck down but not destroyed..." (4:8-10)
- 5) Value the Spiritual over the Material "For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory. So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." (4:17-18)

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