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Encourage Yourself: We Never Give Up

2 Corinthians 4:8-10 - *We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. ⁹ We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. ¹⁰ Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.*

He Knew What He Had In Jesus!

He Would Give His Life To Serve Others for Christ

1. Our Redemption Story Imparts Courage To Not Give Up.

2 Corinthians 4:1 - *Therefore, since God in his mercy has given us this new way, we never give up.*

2 Corinthians 3:4, 12 - *We are confident of all this because of our great trust in God through Christ...¹² Since this new way gives us such confidence, we can be very bold.*

Paul Knew Only God's Kindness Allowed Him To Serve

Paul Didn't Hide Anything

Live The Truth Of God's Word In Your Life, Then Speak About It

2 Corinthians 4:11-16 - *Yes, we live under constant danger of death because we serve Jesus, so that the life of Jesus will be evident in our dying bodies. ¹² So we live in the face of death, but this has resulted in eternal life for you. ¹³ But we continue to preach because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said, "I believed in God, so I spoke." ¹⁴ We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself together with you. ¹⁵ All of this is for your benefit. And as God's grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory. ¹⁶ That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day.*

Our Sufferings Are An Extension Of Jesus' Own Suffering

Acts 5:41 - *The apostles left the high council rejoicing that God had counted them worthy to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus.*

Can We Learn To Rejoice In Our Suffering For Jesus?

Romans 8:17 - *And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.*

Can We Learn to Accept Suffering As Much As We Accept God's Glory?

1 Peter 1:6 - *So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while.*

Can We Learn To Mature In Our Suffering Rather Than Give Up?

1 Timothy 4:7-8 - *...train yourself to be godly. ⁸ "Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come."*

2 Corinthians 12:10 - *...For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

Your Very Weakness Allows The Power Of Christ To Strengthen You