

SERMON NOTES

FEARLESS

COUNT THE COST
2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-18 | AUGUST 27, 2017
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Intro: _____

1. We will _____ the cost. (7-12)

2. We will _____ our eyes fixed on the prize. (13-15)

3. We will not lose heart as we _____ an eternal focus, not temporal. (16-18)

Conclusion:

WEEKLY READING PLAN:

Monday, August 28 - 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Faith rests in the power of God

Tuesday, August 29 - Psalm 116:1-19

He heard my pleas for mercy

Wednesday, August 30 - 1 Timothy 1:12-20

Jesus displayed in me

Thursday, August 31 - 2 Timothy 2:1-13

Strengthened by grace

Friday, September 1 - 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Walk by faith

WEEKLY EVENTS:

**Please note: a full schedule of events and times is available on the final page of this bulletin.*

FUSE (5th-6th) / FUEL (7th-8th)

- August 30 is Fuse & Fuel Kick-off

IGNITE (9th-12th)

- Next meeting is August 27

RESONATE (18-22)

- August 31 is the Resonate Fall Launch

AMPLIFY (23-30+)

- Next meeting is August 24 at 6:30p

Opening: Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-18. From the passage/sermon, what truths impacted you the most?

1. We see in verses 7-11 that in our Christian life, we will experience hardships. Read the following passages and list what you learn from Paul's view of suffering.

- a. 2 Corinthians 1:3-11
- b. Ephesians 3:7-13
- c. Philippians 3:7-11
- d. 1 Timothy 2:8-10

2. Reflect on your own life and any suffering(s) you are currently enduring, or have in the past. Write them down.

- a. How do the above passages encourage you in that situation?

- b. And how can you take those principles and put them into action in response to your suffering?

IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

3. This earth is our temporary home, and we experience sin's effect daily.

a. In what area(s) of your life are you tempted to “lose heart”?

b. Read 1 Peter 5:6-11 and list some of the commands and promises that help us stay “eternity” focused.

c. How is God calling you to pursue a renewing of your inner self, every day?

LIFE APPLICATION

What thing (situation/fear/suffering) in your life do you need to surrender control of to Christ—changing your focus from the temporary to the eternal? What are some specific actions you can take to surrender that control?