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“Secrets to Defeating Discouragement”

David said **Why am I so discouraged? Why am I so sad? I will put my hope in God. Psalm 42:5**

#### 1. NEVER FORGET HOW MUCH GOD LOVES YOU!

2 Cor. 4:1 says; **God in His mercy has given us this ministry and work to do. That's why we do not become discouraged, and we never give up.**

#### 2. NEVER FAKE IT...BE HOW YOU ARE...!

2 Cor. 4:2 **We don't try to trick anyone, and we don't twist the word of God. Instead we teach the truth plainly, showing everyone who we really are. Then they can know in their hearts what kind of people we are in God's sight.**

#### 3. REMEMBER IT'S NOT ABOUT ME!

2 Corinthians says...**Our message is not about ourselves. It is about Jesus Christ as the Lord. We are merely your servants for Jesus' sake. 2 Cor. 4:5**

#### 4. RELAX IN MY LIMITATION!

**We are like clay jars in which God's treasure is stored. The real power comes from God and not from us. 2 Cor. 4:7**

2 Cor. 12:9 says: **But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.**

**The Lord is my strength and my shield my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoices and with my song will I praise him.... the Lord is Their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed.**

Isaiah 40:8-9 **The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of God endures forever. You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah...HERE IS YOUR GOD.**

#### 5. USE MY PAIN TO HELP OTHERS!

2 Cor. 8-9 **We often suffer, but we are never crushed. Even when we don't know what to do, we never give up. In times of trouble, God is with us, and when we are knocked down, we get up again.**

**All these sufferings of ours are for your benefit. And the more of you who are won to Christ, the more there are to thank Him for His great mercy, and the more God gets the glory. 2 Cor. 4:15**

#### 6. LET ME PERSONALLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE TIME FOR RENEWAL!

**This is why we never give up! Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. 2 Cor. 4:16**

#### 7. STAY FOCUSED ON ETERNITY!

**Our present troubles are quite small and won't last very long. Yet they produce in us an immeasurably great glory that will last for ever! So, don't look at your troubles we can see right now: rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. So, we don't look at the troubles we can see right now: rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever. 2 Cor. 4:17-18**

**Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end. He did not give up because of the cross! On the contrary, because of the joy that was waiting for him, he thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross, and now is seated at the right side of God's throne. Hebrews 12:2**

**Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up! Galatians 6:9**

**Join us in the dining room for donuts and fellowship**