

HEART —TO— SACRIFICE



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"What Keeps You from Giving Up?"
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Sermon Discussion

1. *Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-21 and review the **main points** of the sermon.*

Four things to remember in the midst of our suffering to keep us from giving up and losing heart:

- a. We're not home yet (v1-2)
- b. What we do in this life has eternal consequences (v9-11)
- c. Living for your Savior looks like insanity to the rest of the world (v13-15)
- d. What God has done for you without ignoring what God has determined to do through you (v18-21)

2. *Reflect and Ruminat*

- a. *In what ways are you trying to build a earthly tent?*
- b. *Do you believe that something better is really coming in eternity or do you doubt it? Explain.*
- c. *How are you tempted to "complain" for something better vs "groaning" for something better?*

3. *Replace*

- a. "Eternity should be the compass that should be orienting your life right now!" What changes is God calling me to make so that my life can reflect that to be true now?

4. *Renew*

- a. How can you move from thinking "Hey, I'm just happy to get into heaven" to "I want to do all that I can in this life to please God leading to a future reward?"

5. *Request*

- a. *How can the group pray specifically for you this week?*

6. *Remember*

- a. *"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (v21)*
 - i. *Take some time to rejoice and praise God that our greatest problem in life has been solved!*

Prayer Emphasis:

- a. *Pray for specific opportunities to be ministers of reconciliation this week.*
- b. *Pray for an opportunity to share your testimony with someone in your circle of relationships this week.*