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FOCUSED ON THE FINISH LINE

So we **fix our eyes** not on what is seen, but on **what is unseen**, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Cor. 4:18

For we know that if the **earthly tent we live in** is destroyed, we have a building from God, an **eternal house in heaven**, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be **clothed** instead with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in **this tent**, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be **unclothed** but to **be clothed** instead with our **heavenly dwelling**, so that **what is mortal may be swallowed up by life**. Now the one who has fashioned us **for this very purpose** is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. 2 Cor. 5:1-5

What difference does it make when heaven is real to me?

1. I have less _____

...because I know the best is yet to come!

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For **we live by faith**, not by sight. **We are confident**, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 2 Cor. 5:6-8

2. I have more _____

...because I know what I do now matters forever!

So **we make it our goal to please him**, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must **all** appear before **the judgment seat of Christ**, so that each of us may receive what is due us for **the things done while in the body**, whether good or bad. Since, then, we know what it is to **fear the Lord**, we try to persuade others. 2 Cor. 5:9-11

3. I am motivated by _____

...because I know every person is cherished by God!

For **Christ's love compels us**, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on **we regard no one from a worldly point of view**. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **the new creation has come**: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Cor. 5:14-17

APPLICATION:

_____ -oriented people unleash compassion on _____

QUESTIONS

For personal reflection or group discussion

CONNECT

What common clichés do you hear when people talk about heaven, or do you see in depictions of heaven? What questions would you like answered about heaven?

ENGAGE

1. Read 2 Cor. 4:18-5:10. What future realities motivated Paul? How would you explain what it means to “live by faith and not by sight”?
2. In 2 Cor. 5:9 Paul says he makes it his goal to please God. What distracts people from this kind of thinking?
3. Read 2 Cor. 5:14-16. How would a Christian “compelled by Christ’s love” differ from one compelled by anger or fear? What other lesser motives might “compel” a Christian instead of love?
4. What does it mean to “no longer regard anyone from a worldly point of view”?

APPLY

1. How would living in the certainty of heaven help you get through life on earth?
2. How does this passage of the Bible give you hope? How does it challenge you?

PRAYER

Ask your small group members (or friends or family) how you can pray for them, and ask them to pray for you in one specific way this week.

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