

Welcome!

- ✓ *Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.*
- ✓ *Say hello to someone you don't know.*
- ✓ *We'll gather at 10:20am.*

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Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Psalm 33:20-22

*“We wait in hope for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.*

*In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.*

*May your unfailing love be with us,
Lord, even as we put our hope in you.”*



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Q: What “ministry” is Paul talking about from which we do not lose heart (i.e., we’re not discouraged)?

A: Paul is talking about the Good News of the Gospel. See 2 Corinthians 4:6 and 14

The Good News

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.” - 2 Cor. 4:6

“We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself.” - 2 Cor. 4:14

2 Cor. 4:16 (The Message paraphrase)

So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace.

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2 Corinthians 4:8

Hard pressed, not crushed (*squished not squashed*)

Perplexed, not despairing (*stressed not stressed out*)

Persecuted, not abandoned (*discouraged not deserted*)

Struck down, not destroyed (*bewildered not befuddled*)

“The Christian may be down, but the Christian is never out because the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us.”

Hope

- Latin: Dum spiro spero - “*While I live, I hope.*”
- Christian tweak: Dum expiro spero - “*Even while I die, I still have hope.*”

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Philippians 4:8

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”

Colossians 3:1-2

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”

Romans 8:5-6

“Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accord with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.”

“The Love of God”

*Could we with ink the ocean fill
and were the skies of parchment made,
were every stalk on earth a quill
and every man a scribe by trade,
to write the love of God above
would drain the ocean dry;
nor could the scroll contain the whole,
though stretched from sky to sky.*

'A calling to die'



The Blessing

*May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father,
who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal
encouragement and good hope, encourage your
hearts and strengthen you in every
good deed and word.*

- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17