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# Scott's Thoughts



*“So, we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.”* (2 Corinthians 4:16, ESV)

The words, “wasting away” in the above verse, mean “to become gradually incapacitated—to lose one’s strength.”

Recently I have had occasion to think about troubles of this life. Each day health issues remind me and many of others that we are not getting younger. I don’t know how old we must be before reality sets in, and we begin to see ourselves in that phrase. We have all encountered others who have lost their battle by “wasting away” and are no longer with us. Death is devastating for the family that must find a way to get past it.

At such times, the simple things we do such as being alone in a hotel room while traveling or going to a restaurant alone can be hard for us. Neither of those things is on my like list. Today I read a post written by a young lady I met when I was in my 30's and she was a teenager. She's now in her 50's and recently lost her husband. She's dealing with grief as she confronts situations without the love of her life standing beside her. It is hard to read her post because I feel the sadness and grief in her words.

My spouse is still with me but, I wonder how I would manage doing things like cooking, laundry, and not having our conversations before we fall asleep at night? Some day I might sit up

half the night from sheer loneliness wondering if I will be able to make it through another day alone. How do we get through these times? How is this young lady getting through these times? In spite of her sorrow, she expresses a feeling of hope.

Where is the hope in all of this? The hope lies in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because of Him, we have hope. Hope, that whatever we are confronted with in this life is just temporary.

*“For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.”* (2 Corinthians 4:17–18, ESV)

The troubles of life can seem overwhelming as we are going through them. Yet, in comparison to what God has prepared for us, they are just blips on the radar. Please do not take that last statement as insensitive or cruel. I miss both of my brothers every day and Mom and Dad left a void that will never be filled. What I’m saying is there is more than this life. In verse 17 we find the phrase “weight of glory”. What does that mean? The word for weight means “tremendous”. There is no real comparison between this life and eternity with God. This life with all its struggles is just getting us in shape for the next tremendous life with all its weight of glory. Will we be ready?

Thanks for listening and keep on shining.

—Scott