

Series: Before & After You Say "I Do"

Message: When You Encounter A StaleMate, Part Two

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

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The believer can always be assured that God and His grace will be sufficient in any and all circumstances and that obedience to Him during those times will always be the best course of action.

Anyone who has access to God Himself never has reason to regard anything as a disaster worthy of provoking a sense of despair.

2 Corinthians 4: 7-18

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves;

8 we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing;

9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;

10 always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

11 For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

12 So death works in us, but life in you.

13 But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore also we speak;

14 knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you.

15 For all things are for your sakes, that the grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God.

16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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Lou Priolo

"The more you become conformed to the image of Christ as a result of biblically responding to trials, the more those sinful patterns that the Bible says produce misery, will be removed from your life."

Lou Priolo

"In all my years of ministry, I've never seen an unbiblical divorce cause less pain and suffering than it would have taken to fix the marriage."

1. Divorce Is Not An Option.

2. Contentment Is An Option.

3. Renewal Is A Possibility.