I. **2 Cor 4:16-18**

A. **Lose heart** (faint not) – *egkakeo*

1. To be afraid, to become discouraged, to become weary or tired;
2. To lose one's motivation to accomplish some valid goal; Give up!
3. **Gal 6:9** - Don’t grow weary
5. **2 Cor 4:16** AMP 16 Therefore we do not **become** discouraged (utterly spiritless, exhausted, and wearied out through fear).

II. **Outward Man vs. Inward Man distinction**

A. **Outward** - the outside person the physical nature or aspect of a person - body, physical form.

2. **Rom 2:28-29** - Inside relationship

B. **What is our OUTER MAN?**

1. **Perishing** - *diaphtheiro* - Gradually waste away or decay
2. **2 Cor 4:16 AMP** 16 Though our outer man is [progressively] decaying and wasting away, yet our inner self is being [progressively] renewed day after day.
3. **2 Cor 5:1** - Earthly House, this tent is temporary. Building is more permanent.
4. **2 Peter 1:12-15** – Put off my tent

C. **What is our INWARD MAN?**

1. **Being Renewed** – to renovate (restore life, vigor or activity, to a better state); to cause to grow up new, to make new; new strength and vigor is given to me, new in nature, different from the usual, impressive, better than the old, superior in value or attraction
2. **John 4:23-24** - God is Spirit
3. **Gen 1:26-27** - Image and Likeness of God
4. **Gen 2:7** - God “formed” (outer) man

5. **Zech 12:1** - spirit of a man within him

6. **1 Cor 15:44** - Natural body and a spiritual body

7. **1 Thess 5:23** - Spirit, soul and body

8. **James 2:26** - Body without spirit is dead

### III. Inner Man Dead or Alive

A. **John 3:1-6** - Must be born again

B. **Eph 2:1-5** – Dead in trespasses and sins

C. **Rom 5:12** - Death through sin

D. **Rom 6:23** - Wages of sin is death

E. **Deut 30:19-20** - Choose life or death

F. **Rom 8:2** Law of life vs. law of sin and death

G. **2 Cor 5:17** - All things become new

### IV. 2 Cor 4:17 - Inner greater than Outer

A. **John 16:33** 33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

1. **Tribulation** – Pressure, oppression, stress, anguish, tribulation, adversity, affliction, crushing, squashing, squeezing, distress.


V. **2 Cor 4:18** - Focus on the inner more than the Outer