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
 - 4. **Luke 18:1-8** Don't lose heart
 - 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.
 - 1. <u>Luke 11:39-41</u> God made inside and outside
 - 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. <u>Gen 2:7</u> God "formed" (outer) man
- 5. **Zech 12:1** spirit of a man within him
- 6. <u>1 Cor 15:44</u> Natural body and a spiritual body
- 7. <u>1 Thess 5:23</u> Spirit, soul and body
- 8. <u>James 2:26</u> Body without spirit is dead

III. Inner Man Dead or Alive

- A. **John 3:1-6** Must be born again
- B. <u>Eph 2:1-5</u> Dead in trespasses and sins
- C. Rom 5:12 Death through sin
- D. Rom 6:23 Wages of sin is death
- E. **<u>Deut 30:19-20</u>** Choose life or death
- F. Rom 8:2 Law of life vs. law of sin and death
- G. <u>2 Cor 5:17</u> All things become new
- IV. 2 Cor 4:17 Inner greater than Outer
 - A. <u>John 16:33</u> 33 These things I have spoken to you, that <u>in Me</u> you may have <u>peace</u>. In the world you will have **tribulation**; but be of good cheer, <u>I have overcome the world</u>."
 - 1. <u>Tribulation</u> Pressure, oppression, stress, anguish, tribulation, adversity, affliction, crushing, squashing, squeezing, distress.
 - 2. John 14:25-27 My Peace I leave with you.

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