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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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We Never Give Up!

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16 NKJV – (16) Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward *man* is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

I was up early this morning, mowing my three acres of lawn by 6:00 a.m. This might not be much to some, but it is a lot when using a push mower. I finished by 12:00 noon and I was very, very sore! In the midst of completing the task, I had many thoughts of giving up or even delaying the task until later. It was hot. It was humid. However, I had a mission to reckon with and it was very important that I stay focused.

Daily, Paul's physical body was decaying and suffering adversity, similar to other's daily battles. His strength did not have an exemption from trouble. Instead, it was the indwelling presence of Christ that made the difference. His inward man was receiving supernatural strength daily.

In the same way, it is not our problems, or lack thereof, that determine our victory. We have the indwelling presence of Christ and that is more than enough to supply any need we will face. Stress and burnout come from facing our problems in our own strength instead of drawing on the spiritual strength of Christ that dwells in us. When the Lord is in control, we can "run, and not be weary; and walk, and not faint" (**Isaiah 40:31**). If we look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, we will no longer be weary and we will not faint (**Hebrews 12:2-3**).

SCRIPTURE READING

ZECHARIAH 4:6

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Change isn't giving up, doing nothing is giving up!