



Never Lose Heart

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Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

- On a scale of 1 - 10, how much would you say you are loving life right now?
- What are some of the biggest frustrations you currently face?

With your Bible or YouVersion read Ecclesiastes 1:2-9 and 2:10-17

Solomon shows us in these passages that seeking satisfaction from the world is meaningless.

- How do you typically handle frustrations and disappointments in your life?
- Where in life do you feel most unsatisfied or disappointed?
- Where do you look for satisfaction other than finding it through God? How satisfying have these things been?
- How would you describe the way you currently look at life: frustrated, tired or unfulfilled? Explain.

With your Bible or YouVersion read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Paul encourages us to focus on the eternal in this passage..

- Why is it so difficult to consistently focus on the eternal?
- In what ways have you seen prayer make heaven become a reality?

- How have you experienced satisfaction by serving and giving to others?
- What are some specific things you will do to improve the way you pray, serve, give and share Christ.

After You've Talked It Over

In this message you heard about four ways to focus on the eternal (pray, serve, give and share Christ with others) In order to expand all four of these areas, outline a plan of specific ways you will strive to focus on each of these in the months to come. Set some attainable goals such as committing to pray daily, finding an areas where you can serve in the church, committing to tithing or helping someone in need. Share you plan with someone who can help you stick with it.

One of the best ways you can focus on the eternal is to take the focus off of you and start focusing on Christ and those that do no know Him. Make a list this week of a few people you know what do knot know Christ and commit to talking to them this week. Take time to share Christ's love with them by telling them what he means to you and how His love and forgiveness has changed.

Talk It Over with God:

These prayer tips can guide your time alone with God each day. Praying with a friend or a small group might help you stick to it.

- Tell God your greatest frustrations. Ask Him to help you to overcome these frustrations.
- Confess to God the areas of life where you feel unsatisfied. Ask God to help you experience His satisfaction in these areas.
- Commit to God that you will do the th ings necessary to start focusing more on eternal things.
- Pray for those who don't know Christ. Ask God to reveal His love and forgiveness to them.