



Rock Point Church

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BIG IDEA: Face the wounds while embracing the win.

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2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NLT)

¹⁶ That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. ¹⁷ For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! ¹⁸ So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

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2 Corinthians 6:9-10 (NLT)

⁹ We are ignored, even though we are well known. We live close to death, but we are still alive. We have been beaten, but we have not been killed.¹⁰ Our hearts ache, but we always have joy. We are

poor, but we give spiritual riches to others. We own nothing, and yet we have everything.

2 Corinthians 12:8-10 (NLT)

⁸ Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. ⁹ Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. ¹⁰ That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you most in this week’s message, and why?
2. When you go through a difficult season, do you tend to lean toward pretending everything is fine or toward feeling like giving up?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 4:16–18. Why do you think we often assume that carrying pain or hardship means our faith isn't working?
4. What makes it so difficult for Christians to admit their wounds out loud to God or to other people?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 12:9–10. How does God's power being made perfect inside our weakness challenge the belief that we have to be strong before God can use us?
6. Read Genesis 50:20. In what ways have you seen God take a past wound or hardship in your life and use it to bring about something good?

7. Read Colossians 2:15. How does the cross serve as the ultimate example of carrying a severe wound and achieving the greatest victory at the exact same moment?
8. What is the difference between connecting your pain and your hope with the word "but" versus connecting them with the word "and"?
9. What is one current hard thing in your life right now, and what is one true good thing about God that you can hold alongside it this week?