

June 10, 2018  
Sermon Notes  
2 Samuel 12:15-23

Living in light of God's grace means:  
You are not defined by your yesterday

2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Titus 3:5 NLT

5 he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.

Living in light of God's power means:

Anything is possible tomorrow

"After all, tomorrow is another day ..."

Matthew 19:26 ESV

26 But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Job 42:2 NLT

2 "I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you.

Living in light of God's promises means:

Death is a parting, but not a final one

John 11:25 ESV

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

Philippians 1:21 ESV

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 ESV

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

What Paul prohibits is not grief but hopeless grief, not all mourning but mourning like the rest of men, who have no hope.

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