



More importantly than a contrast with Paul, we need to keep things in the same perspective as Paul did. Regardless of what he suffered, Paul announced, “Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day” (2 Cor. 4:16). What determination! What contentment! Two verses later, he continued, “While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal” (4:18). Now that’s keeping things in perspective!

But, I want you to consider the verse in between these two verses. Notice carefully the outlook that Paul kept in the midst of all that he endured. “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”

Paul referred to his excessive persecution as affliction which was (1) momentary and (2) light. We wouldn’t think of it that way, but Paul did! Momentary (i.e., for a limited and short time) and light (i.e., easy to bear)! We need to adopt that mentality!

Then, he said that these afflictions were not working against him but they were working for him! They were producing something far greater than could even be described! Rather than focus on the “affliction,” Paul focused his attention on the “glory” awaiting—a “glory” that was (note the sharp contrast) (1) eternal (not momentary) and (2) weighty (not light)! Paul uses a double expression to emphasize that this glory is “beyond all measure and proportion.” There was no human way for him to describe the magnitude of the glory!

So, the next time that we have a bad day as a Christian, let’s put it into perspective and focus our attention on the awaiting glory that is “exceeding exceedingly” glorious!

## Order of Service

Opening Remarks	Ray Parks
Song Leader	Don Petrosky, Jr.
<i>Song</i>	
<i>Song</i>	
Prayer	Leonard Meredith
<i>Song</i>	
Communion	Russell Haydon Clay Bond
<i>Song</i>	
<i>Song</i>	
Sermon	Clay Bond
<i>Song</i>	
Offering	
Closing Remarks	Ray Parks
<i>Song</i>	
Dismissal Prayer	Sam Phillips

### Upcoming Events

- Please check the sign-up sheet for Wednesday evening devotionals.
- University church of Christ in San Marcos will host the Focal Point Workshop May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. See the bulletin board for more details.

### Wednesday Devotional

March 11<sup>th</sup>    Clay  
 March 18<sup>th</sup>    Chris

### ...Prayer List...

*Gaye Kyle, Casey Jo Engle, Reta George, Nan Phillips, Mr. & Mrs. Snyder (cancer), Wendell Harrison, Sharon Petrosky, Tom & Marilyn Barr, Clayton Arnold*

Remember our college students who are away at school: Jarrett & Luke Haydon

Shut-Ins: Melvin & Shirley Wright

Attendance: Sunday AM: 26 PM: 31    Wednesday: 33    Contribution: \$2469.30