

This Is Us Series
No Comparison
2 Corinthians 4:13-18
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1. It **CLARIFIES** our beliefs. 2 Corinthians 4:13-14

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2. It **MAGNIFIES** God’s glory. 2 Corinthians 4:15

...**2 Corinthians 4:8-11** — **8** *We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;* **9** *persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;* **10** *always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.* **11** *For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.*

3. It **ANALYZES** our values. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

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Let's talk about why there's no comparison...

1. What are the commonly held beliefs you hold dear in your own life that have made a difference in how you live (v.13)?
2. If someone were to measure your beliefs by what you shared with them, what would they conclude (v.13)?
3. Why is the resurrection of Jesus so important (v.14)?
4. How does the resurrection of Jesus impact the unity that all of God's people should experience (v.14)?
5. What had Paul endured for the sake of the believers at Corinth (v.15)?
6. What did Paul believe would happen as a result of the endurance that he demonstrated (v.15)?
7. What was Paul's ultimate goal in all of this (v.15)?
8. What might cause us to lose heart in this life (v.16)?
9. How does affliction become light and momentary (v.17)?
10. How can you focus on the things that are not seen (v.18)?