

**Sermon Notes of  
Senior Pastor Glen Weber's Sermon on January 17, 2016  
"Renewed Day by Day"  
Connecting to God and to Others Series**

[In today's sermon, "Renewed Day by Day", part one of a series "Connecting to God and to Others", Senior Pastor Glen Weber shows how by being renewed spiritually day by day we can connect others to God.]

Notes:

Introduction:

- How many of you have renewed a driver's license?
- How about a passport? Insurance policies?
- Our life is a constant process of renewal.
  
- But, how many of us are renewed in our spiritual life?
- We'll see today that Paul said that we need to be renewed "day by day", not just living our lives "day by day."

Being renewed:

- Earlier in this chapter, Paul contrasted the struggles he is going through with God's "light shining in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us."

**2 Cor. 4:11, For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body.**

- Paul was constantly being given over to death for Jesus' sake.
- This is Paul's introduction to talk about being spiritually renewed .

**12) So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.**

- Paul was experiencing near-death, but the believers in Corinth were experiencing life as a result.
- He was bringing them the gospel – at the risk of his life and limb!

**13) It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak,**

- Paul quotes Psalm 116:10, where it says, "I believed and therefore I said, "I am greatly afflicted.""
- In Paul's case he says, "I believed and therefore I have spoken!"
- His preaching and teaching was out of a heartfelt belief in his spirit.

- The same spirit of faith/belief, led to his speaking.

**14) because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence.**

- The one who raised Jesus from the dead will raise us with Jesus and bring us into the Father's presence.
- The key to our transformation is that Jesus was raised from the dead.

**15) All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.**

- Everything Paul had been experiencing led to God's grace reaching more and more people.
- Those who were receiving the grace of God were causing thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.
- To Paul – that is what his life was all about.
- Is that our heart, as well?

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Paul Siddall Talked about the "Mustard Seed" Crusade:

- Evangelism 101 is a crusade of interaction with others.
- A crusade is based on a cause.
- People would die for a significant cause, which Christianity certainly is.
- Our cause is to bring as many people as possible to an awareness of what God has already accomplished – that He has brought forgiveness and reconciliation to humanity.

**2 Cor. 5:19 (Amplified) that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting people's sins against them [but canceling them]. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation [that is, restoration to favor with God].**

- Paul showed us a mustard seed in a small clear plastic bag, which is what he brings to others when he talks to them.
- He tells them that Jesus said, "if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."
- Paul then asks them, "What mountain or obstacle or trial are you facing right now?"
- He will then pray for them concerning the trial they are facing.
- Our goal is not to invite people to come to our church, but rather to come to Jesus.
- Inevitably during the course of the conversation, they will ask Paul what church do you go to?
- Paul also talked about project TOUCH.
- Transforming Others Under Christ's Hand.

- Since we have 10 weeks before Easter, Paul is looking for 10 people to volunteer to reach out to 10 people each week with the mustard seed envelope.
- Paul is also looking for prayer warriors to pray for the seed planters.
- And to also pray for the connection cards that the seed planters will ask people to fill out which would identify their obstacle or trial they are currently facing.
- Paul is praying that we will have many new people, possibly hundreds, attending our Easter services if we reach out to a 1000 people during these next 10 weeks.

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**16) Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.**

- Some of our congregation has been losing heart – partly because we are not seeing grace “reaching more and more people.”

**16b, Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.**

- Even though we waste away in our outward physical life, but we are renewed day by day spiritually.

**Message: 16, So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace.**

**Common English: 16, So we aren't depressed. But even if our bodies are breaking down on the outside, the person that we are on the inside is being renewed every day.**

- Our connection with God is the source of the new life He has put in us and is renewing every day.
- In 1 Tim. 4:14, Paul told Timothy not to neglect the gift that came with the laying on of hands of the elders.
- Paul was not only speaking specifically of Timothy's ordination, but also of all of us who have received the Holy Spirit and do not want to neglect what God is doing in us.

**17) For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.**

- Our troubles achieve eternal glory, which far outweigh our present troubles.

**18) So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.**

- We need to focus on the unseen, not the physical or the “seen” around us.

## Conclusion:

- When we look at other people, do we see the “seen” or “the unseen”?
- Have we focused our “heart” or our “eyes?”
- A major part of our focus should be in our connection with others.
  
- We have begun a custom for the past three years, which started here when the members of CLF began attending here, of praying for our work, businesses, etc.
- This is part of asking God to connect us to others and also to renew his life within us.
  
- Pastor Glen would like to encourage the members to gather in small groups and pray for one another.
  - For the employed for blessing in their work, relationships with coworkers, etc.
  - For the retired, for their investments to be blessed (stock market down 1,500 points this past week), etc.
  - For high school students to be accepted to the right college, blessed with the career God wants for them, etc.
  
- Allow the Holy Spirit to lead your prayers.
  
- (Prayer time)

## **Closing Prayer**