

# *A Tent*

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## 2 Corinthians 4

16 Therefore we do not lose heart.

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

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

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.

## 2 Corinthians 5

1 Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed,  
we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven,  
not built by human hands. 2 Meanwhile we groan,  
longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling,  
3 because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.  
4 For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened,  
because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed  
with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be  
swallowed up by life. 5 Now it is God who has made us  
for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit,  
guaranteeing what is to come.

6 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long  
as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.

7 We live by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, I say,  
and would prefer to be away from the body and at home  
with the Lord. 9 So we make it our goal to please Him,  
whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,  
that each one may receive what is due him for the things done  
while in the body, whether good or bad.