



I HATE SATURDAYS

Week 2
“LION EYES”
Crossroads
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*That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. **17** For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!*

18 *So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18) (NLT)*

*** Suffering is not an obstacle to you being used by God, it is an opportunity for you to be used like never before.**

3 TAKE-A-WAY TRUTHS

■ **Don't rely on the** _____.

■ **Train for the trial** _____.

■ **Let God** _____.

TALK IT OVER

1. What did Pastor Scott say that you're still thinking about?
2. **Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.** Do you give more energy and focus to “seen” earthly struggles or “unseen” eternal things?
3. Think of one of the worst things that's happened to you. How does the depth of its impact compare to the length of eternity? How often do you consider eternity?
4. **Read Ephesians 1:17-19.** Pastor Scott described how lions' eyes don't get more light, they fully use what's there. What's blocking light, or hindering your vision?
5. Where do you think you'd be weakest in a trial? How will you train for a trial you're not yet in?
6. What God-given insight or opportunity might your eyes be opened to because of pain you've experienced?
7. Have you seen past pain turn into opportunity? Can you share your story?

Start praying. Be bold, and pray with power.

Heavenly Father, I want to see our pain through Your eyes, through the eyes of a Lion. Help me fix my eyes on the length of eternity and the strength of Your Holy Spirit living in me. Show me how You are turning my pain into power for Your purpose. Amen!

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

Choose a painful moment and ask to see it from God's perspective. Each day, ask the Holy Spirit to show you the opportunities you now have.

Ask God to help you see the unseen this week. Make note of any time you sense Him expanding your vision.