

What Makes the Weight of Our Suffering Feel Light

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Transcript

We do not lose heart Because this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory. Look at this. He says look at this What do you what do you see when you look at verse 17? You see him calling His affliction which lasted a lifetime Momentary Paul You realize I'm 67 people supposed you're supposed to retire, right? Paul suffered until the sword severed his head from his body There was no year or two of fishing or golf If Paul was going to have a retirement it would be post beheading So if he didn't have this he had nothing He said if there's no resurrection from the dead, I'm an idiot That's what he said 1st Corinthians 15.

He called his lifelong beatings and Shipwreck and sleepless nights and agony for the church. He called it Momentary you see that there in verse 17 This light momentary. He called it light and he called it momentary.

That's crazy That's not what you see You look at it 60 years 50 I'm not sure how old he was when he died long time 20 30 years of relentless imprisonments and and persecution and he calls it momentary and he calls it light and and you see also Don't you the contrast between momentary in verse 17 is eternal and the

contrast with light is weight So let's read again notice those parallels His light momentary affliction is preparing for him and eternal that corresponds to momentary weight that corresponds to light of glory So he could see See see really you can't see but he saw beyond the grave According to promise he saw glory the glory of God that would be seen and the glory of God that would be given to him And It made his lifelong suffering look Momentary and it made the weight of the pain look light Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will Give you rest take my yoke upon you and learn from me for my yoke is Easy and my burden is light you are kidding me. You got to die for Jesus. You're gonna call that light.

Yes Why because I look to the unseen what glory? Glory beyond the grave that's going to so make up for this brief life It will look momentary and it will look light. That's the unseen you got to look at

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