



## CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: MINISTRY TO ME

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

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TEXT: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-18

TITLE: I HAVE HOPE BECAUSE THEY HAD HOPE

### INTRODUCTION

- A. If it worked for them, it should work for me \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Perhaps, I do not know how to use it \_\_\_\_\_

### THE SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH IN THE TIMES OF TROUBLE

- A. The Psalmist, "I believed, therefore I have spoken." \_\_\_\_\_
1. In the time of trials and affliction
  2. Believed and by faith, spoke a word of confidence in God
- B. Paul, "We also believe and therefore speak" \_\_\_\_\_
1. In the time of trials and affliction
  2. Believed and by faith, spoke the Gospel of Jesus
- C. Our Ancestors, "We also believe and therefore speak." \_\_\_\_\_
1. In the time of trials and affliction
  2. Believed and by faith, spoke a word of hope
- D. Pilgrim Rest, "We also believe and therefore speak" \_\_\_\_\_
1. In the time of trials and affliction
  2. Believed and by faith, spoke

### THEREFORE,

- A. Do not lose heart / give up \_\_\_\_\_
1. Even though outwardly / physically we are wasting away
  2. Inwardly / Spiritually, we are being renewed day by day
- B. Do not focus on your feelings \_\_\_\_\_
1. My afflictions are light
  2. My afflictions are temporary
  3. How can I see my afflictions as light and temporary?
    - a. My afflictions produce a glory that outweighs my afflictions
    - b. My afflictions produce a glory that outlasts my afflictions
- C. See the unseen \_\_\_\_\_
1. What is seen is temporary
  2. What is unseen is eternal
  3. How do I see the unseen?
    - a. Using my spiritual senses
    - b. Exercising Faith and Hope