



Lesson 13

August 29, 2021

Be Confident

2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 5:10

Today's Bible lesson highlights the hope that Paul had when faced with death, manifested in God's eternal promise. In today's contemporary scenario, after a visit with a dying cousin, Patricia begins developing a growing trust in God's promise of eternal life through faith.

Patricia is one of those adults who avoids talking about death. But, at sixty-nine years old, and after a brief illness earlier this year; her children told her it was time that she discusses death. Patricia is not a Christian, but both of her children are. Patricia's children decided the next time the three of them were together, Patricia's son would initiate the conversation.

One night after dinner, Patricia's son started talking about God and the hope of living with God forever in heaven. He shared with his mom some Scriptures about Christians who suffered but looked forward to life with God in heaven. Patricia was encouraged to visit her cousin who was diagnosed with cancer, whom she had avoided visiting. While Patricia's cousin's cancer is in remission, she told Patricia that she looks forward to life with Jesus in eternity. Patricia's cousin repeatedly said that she walks by faith, not sight, explaining that she does not worry about tomorrow; she just keeps on trusting God totally and is confident that He will guide her through this journey on earth (*the temporary*) and guide her to her final place in heaven (*the eternal*).

The awe of the faith that her cousin had while facing her own mortality, motivated Patricia to accept Christ. Patricia has developed a growing trust in God's promise of eternal life through faith. Patricia no longer avoids the conversation about death but welcomes it. She now realizes that the reality of eternity with God gives her hope and joy for the present, and a yearning for life with God in the place that He has prepared for His people!

Discussion Questions:

1. In your own words, what does it mean to walk by faith, not sight?
2. The more you grow in your relationship with Christ, do you value the eternal more than the temporary? Explain.
3. Discuss how this lesson can help you initiate the conversation with a non-believer about salvation and eternity.