

Nov 30, 2025

1 Group

Ashleigh's family's **heart** for Christmas was different from mine.

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What if there is a disconnect between God's heart at Christmas and yours?

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As God's co-workers, we urge you not to receive God's grace in **vain**.
2 Corinthians 6:1

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'in vain' – not using something in the way it is intended

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'God's grace in vain' – using God's grace other than as God intended

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For he says, "In the time of my **favor** I heard you, and in the day of **salvation** I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's **favor**, now is the day of **salvation**.
2 Corinthians 6:2

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dektos = favor
euprosdektos = REALLY favorable

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The Lord says: "It is **too small a thing** for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my **salvation** may reach to the **ends of the earth**."
Isaiah 49:6

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Salvation is FOR you.
But it is not about you.

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This is what the LORD says—the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—to him who was **despised** and **abhorred** by the nation, to the servant of rulers...
Isaiah 49:7a

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"Kings will see you and **stand up**, princes will see and **bow down**, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."
Isaiah 49:7b

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This is what the LORD says: "In the time of my **favor** I will answer you, and in the day of **salvation** I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people...
Isaiah 49:8

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Jesus means 'the Lord saves.'

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She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the **name Jesus**, because he will **save** his people from their sins.
Matthew 1:21

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Isaiah 49:8

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Jesus fulfills God's covenant with Israel to bring salvation to all people.

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God's **heart for Christmas** has always been to bring salvation to **all people** through Jesus.

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Don't spend your Christmas season in vain.
Where does your **heart** for Christmas reach **beyond** you?

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Where does your **heart** for Christmas reach **beyond** you?
Time and Money

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Money
- Am I a cheerful and generous giver?
- Will I live within my means?

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Time/Advent
- Advent means waiting and is the season leading up to Christmas.

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Don't spend your Christmas season in vain.
Where does your **heart** for Christmas reach **beyond** you?

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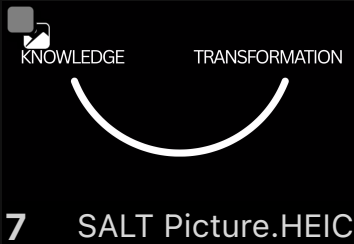
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2 Corinthians 5:16-17

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2 Corinthians 5:18-19a

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2 Corinthians 5:18-19a

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Reconcile: To restore to favor.

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Reconciliation is from God, through Christ.

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Look at what God's done, not what you've done.

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Ask God for a new prescription.

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"God, help me see me the way you see me."

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not what you've done.

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And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: **Be reconciled to God.**
2 Corinthians 5:19b-20

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2 Corinthians 5:19b-20

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The degree to which you've been transformed is the degree to which you can give it away.

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Look at what God's done,
not what you've done.

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"God, help me see me the way you see me, and help me see them the way you see them."

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Nov 16, 2025

1 Group

This is not the way it's
supposed to be.

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This is not the way it's
supposed to be.
But this is the way it is.

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Jesus invites us to take life
on life's terms.

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What is 'life on life's terms'?
- We never escape pain,
sickness, and death.
- We don't get answers to all of
our 'why?' questions.
- We cannot outgrow surrender
and faith.

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To take life on life's terms with Jesus:
What do we need to know?
What do we need to do?

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It is written: "I believed; therefore I have
spoken."
2 Corinthians 4:13

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I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy. Because he
turned his ear to me, I will call on him
as long as I live.
Psalm 116:1-2

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The **cords of death** entangled me, the
anguish of the grave came over me; I
was overcome by **distress** and **sorrow**.
Then I called on the name of the LORD:
"LORD, save me!"
Psalm 116:3-4

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I trusted in the LORD when I said....
Psalm 116:10

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I trusted in the LORD when I said, "I
am greatly **afflicted**"; in my alarm I said,
"Everyone is a liar."
Psalm 116:10

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Taking life on life's terms takes faith:
1. Faith names what is **true** in you.

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It is written: "I believed; therefore I have
spoken." Since we have that **same**
spirit of faith, we also believe and
therefore speak,
2 Corinthians 4:13

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because we know that the one who
raised the Lord Jesus from the dead
will **also raise us** with Jesus and
present us with you to himself.
2 Corinthians 4:14

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Taking life on life's terms takes faith:
1. Faith names what is true in you.
2. Faith trusts the hope of the
resurrection.

All this is for your benefit, so that the
grace that is reaching more and more
people may cause thanksgiving to
overflow to the glory of God.
2 Corinthians 4:15

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Therefore we do not lose heart. Though
outwardly we are wasting away, yet
inwardly we are being renewed day by
day.

2 Corinthians 4:16

There is a way to take life on life's
terms and not lose heart!

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

2 Corinthians 4:17

When faith holds steady through
the "life on life's terms" there is
glory greater than the pain.

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So we fix our eyes not on what is seen,
but on what is unseen, since what is
seen is temporary, but what is unseen
is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:18

Taking life on life's terms takes faith:
1. Faith names what is true in you.
2. Faith trusts the hope of the
resurrection.
3. Faith chooses to fix our eyes on
what is unseen.

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When I'm afraid, I try to remember
that God will be with me in the
future, and the body of Christ will
be with me in the future.

Fixing my eyes on Jesus to
remember God is with me:
- Is a continual process.

Fixing my eyes on Jesus to
remember God is with me:
- Is a continual process.
- Involves others.

Fixing my eyes on Jesus to remember God is with me:

- Is a continual process.
- Involves others.
- Requires dedicated time.

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Taking life on life's terms takes faith.

So we **fix our eyes** not on what is seen, but on **what is unseen**, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:18

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Camping.

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"This is not the way it's
supposed to be."

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How do we live in a "this is not the
way it's supposed to be" world?

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For we know that if the earthly tent
we live in is destroyed

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You are going to die.

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We have a building from God,
an eternal house in heaven,
not built by human hands.

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How do we live in the tent well?

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Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed
instead with our heavenly dwelling, because
when we are clothed, we will not be found
naked. For while we are in this tent, we
groan and are burdened, because we do not
wish to be unclothed but to be clothed
instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that
what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.
2 Corinthians 5:2-4

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Grieving is naming "this is not the
way it's supposed to be."

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A NIGHT OF
Remembrance

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Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:5-7

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- I do what I can do
- I ask others to do what they can do
- I ask God to do what he can do
- I grieve/celebrate

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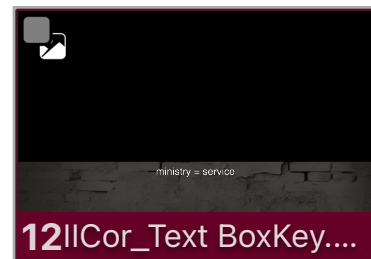
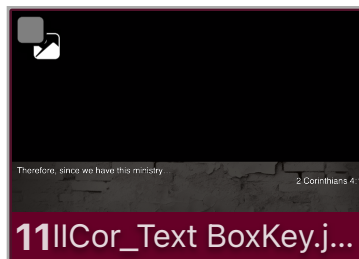
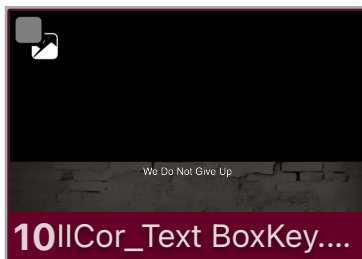
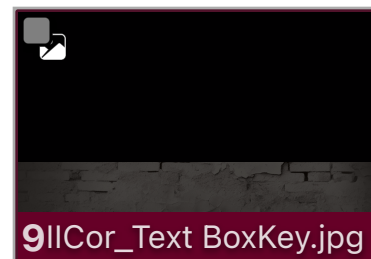
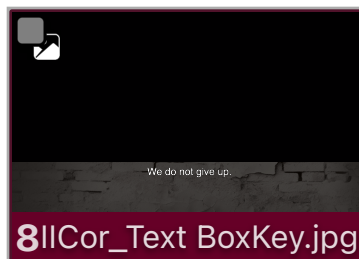
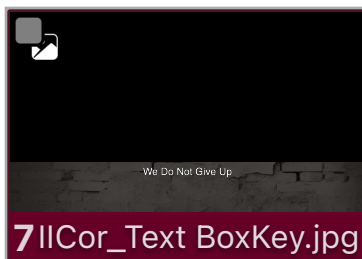
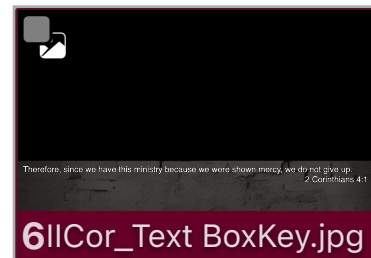
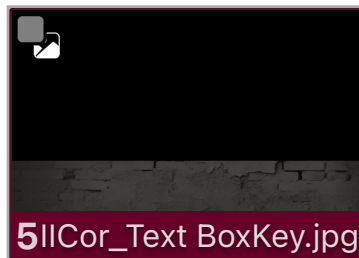
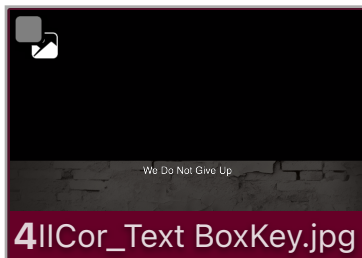
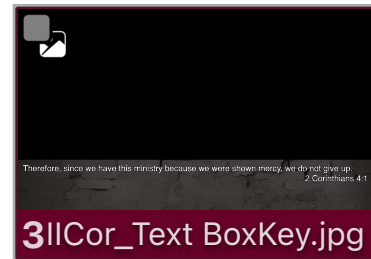
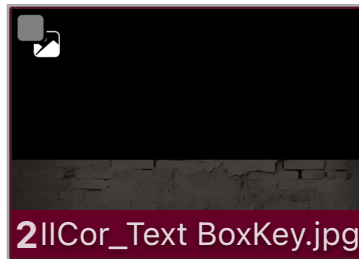
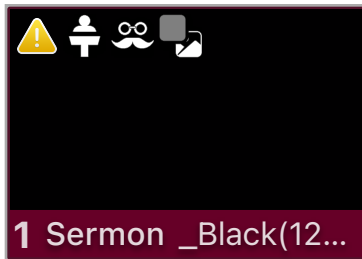
He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

Revelation 21:4

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Therefore, since we have this ministry because we were shown mercy... 2 Corinthians 4:1

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Grace = getting what you don't deserve
Mercy = not getting what you do deserve

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Therefore, since we have this ministry because we were shown mercy, we do not give up... 2 Corinthians 4:1

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Many people give up on God because they don't realize the great mercy they have been given.

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If that hits you... don't let that skip you. Let that sit for a moment.

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Instead, we have renounced secret and shameful things, not acting deceitfully or distorting the word of God, but commending ourselves before God to everyone's conscience by an open display of the truth. 2 Corinthians 4:2

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But if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing... 2 Corinthians 4:3

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In their case, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 2 Corinthians 4:4

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The person writing this self identifies as the "chief of sinners."

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This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them.

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But I received mercy for this reason, so that in me, the worst of them, Christ Jesus might demonstrate his extraordinary patience as an example to those who would believe in him for eternal life. 1 Timothy 1:15-16

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God gives ministry out of mercy.

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God gave you mercy so that you could minister to others.

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You received mercy for a reason.

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But I received mercy for this reason: for that in me, the worst of them, Christ Jesus might demonstrate his extraordinary patience as an example to those who would believe in him for eternal life.

1 Timothy 1:16

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And it does get hard...

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We Do Not Give Up.

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Why?

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For we are not proclaiming ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus's sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

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God gave you mercy so that you could minister to others.

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For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ."

2 Corinthians 4:6

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We Do Not Give Up.

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Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

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That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed the message of reconciliation to us.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

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Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf, "Be reconciled to God."

2 Corinthians 5:20

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