

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 - written :AD 55

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To lose heart is to:

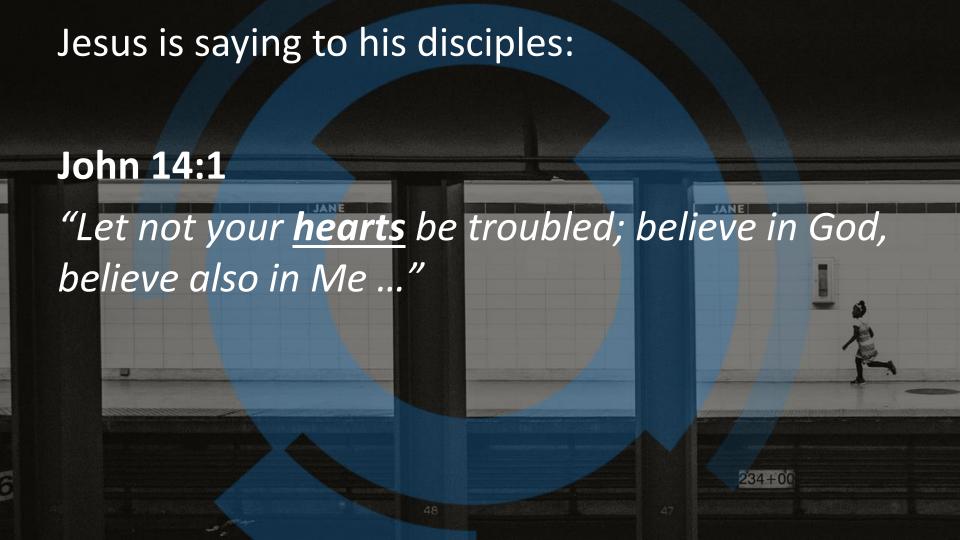
- To become discouraged
- To stop believing that you can succeed
- Those who lose heart become sad and depressed and are no longer interested in something, especially because it is not progressing, as you would like.

2 Corinthians 11:21-28

But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. 22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. 23 Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. 24 Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea;

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²⁶ on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; ²⁷ in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. 28 And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.



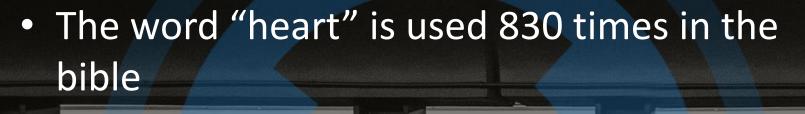
John 14:25-27

²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

John 16:33

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But **take heart**; I have overcome the world.

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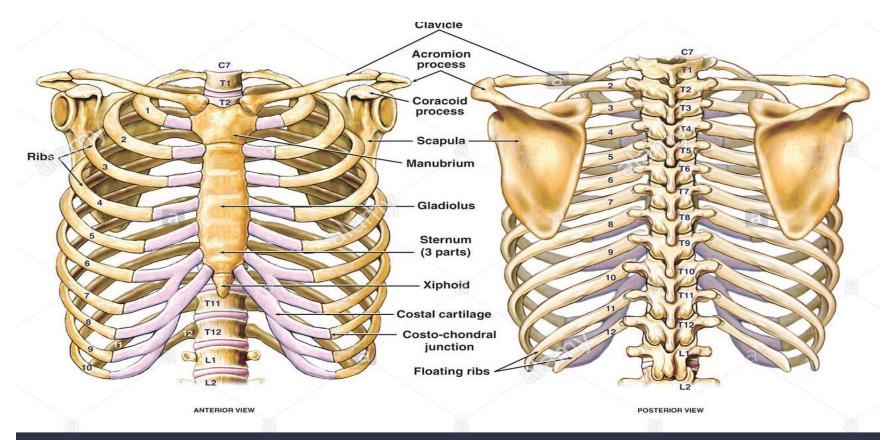


Apart from the brain, the heart is the most important organ in the body

Proverbs 4:23

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life

- Your heart overflows into thoughts, words, and actions.
- It is where all your dreams, your desires, and your passions live.
- It's the centre



"Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day"

- Outward man Encompases our fleshly body
- Perishing wasting away
- Inner self our souls/spirits our hearts
- Renewed to give fresh life or to strengthen.

Romans 5:12

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

Romans 5:15-21

15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. 16 And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification

¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. 18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Paul says: "Even though our outer man is perishing, yet the inward man is being <u>renewed day by day!"</u>

RE-NEW

- give fresh life or strength to.
- re-establish
- extend the period of validity
- replace (something that is broken or worn out).

Matthew 6:34 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Lamentations 3:21-26

- ²¹ But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
- ²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;
- ²³ they are new every morning;
- great is your faithfulness.

 24 "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."
- ²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.
- ²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

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Perspective

From Things we can see to things that are unseen

Romans 8:18 — Paul

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

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Matthew 11:28-30

28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

2 Cor 4:17-18

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- Light Exceeding weight of glory
- Moment Eternal

1 Corinthians 2:9

⁹ But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"

Romans 8:28

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.



"Life is but a Weaving" (the Tapestry Poem)

"My life is but a weaving Between my God and me. I cannot choose the colors He weaveth steadily.

Oft' times He weaveth sorrow;
And I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper
And I the underside.

Not 'til the loom is silent And the shuttles cease to fly Will God unroll the canvas And reveal the reason why.

The dark threads are as needful In the weaver's skillful hand As the threads of gold and silver. In the pattern He has planned

