

“More than Conquerors – For the Joy Set before Us”

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“For everything there is a _____, and a time for every matter under the sun.” ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1

Life – when viewed from a _____, mere earthly perspective – seems like not much more than a series of “_____” that we cannot stop from occurring.

Hebrews 12:2 – “...looking to Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith, Who for the _____ set before Him, _____ the cross...”

When Jesus’ earthly chapter was coming to an end – with a torturous death on a cross – it was His _____ perspective that filled His heart with _____ and enabled Him to _____

To live as “more than conquerors,” you must look to Jesus and...

1- _____ your present suffering in light of a _____ future glory (b/c the final chapter will never end) – Romans 8:18; 2 Cor. 4:17

2-Look beyond what you see with your _____ eye to what you see with your eyes of _____ (b/c things are not always what they seem) 2 Cor. 4:18

3-Gaze _____ at heaven’s open doors (b/c heaven is closer than you realize) – Romans 8:19

We wait with “eager longing” = on _____ to see eternity

4- _____ in that God has made your for something _____ (b/c you are more than the dash between your birth and death) – Eccles. 3:11

*We recoil & rebel at the “earthly endings” is b/c we were made for something more – for something _____ and lasting

*We were made for _____ pleasures – Psalm 16:11

In our suffering, we can “taste & see that the Lord is good” when we consider the price Jesus paid on the cross to provide the _____ _____ you and me if we belong to Him