

KNOWING HOW TO LIVE BY FAITH

2 Cor. 4:8-9, 18

⁸ Por eso, aunque pasamos por muchas dificultades, *no nos desanimamos*. Tenemos preocupaciones, *pero no perdemos la calma*. ⁹ La gente nos persigue, *pero Dios no nos abandona*. Nos hacen caer, *pero no nos destruyen*.

¹⁸ Porque nosotros no nos preocupamos por lo que nos pasa en esta vida, que pronto acabará. Al contrario, nos preocupamos por lo que nos pasará en la vida que tendremos en el cielo. Ahora no sabemos cómo será esa vida. Lo que sí sabemos es que será eterna:"

⁸ As it is, there's not much chance of that. You know for yourselves that we're not much to look at. We've been surrounded and battered by troubles, *but we're not demoralized*; we're not sure what to do, ⁹ *but we know that God knows what to do*; we've been spiritually terrorized, *but God hasn't left our side*; we've been thrown down, *but we haven't broken*.

¹⁸ There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever"

⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, *but not crushed*; perplexed, *but not in despair*; ⁹ persecuted, *but not abandoned*; struck down, *but not destroyed*"

INTRO:

I. THE REALITY OF LIFE / LA REALIDAD DE LA VIDA

1. *Surrounded and battered by troubles / Por eso, aunque pasamos por muchas dificultades*

1) King David cries out / Rey David clama

(1) Ps. 13:1 "How long oh Lord? Will you forget me forever? / ¿Hasta cuando Jehova? Te olvidarás para siempre?

2) If it's not one thing, it's another! / Si no es una cosa, viendo siendo la otra

2. *Not sure of what to do / Tenemos preocupaciones*

1) Hello? / Hola?

2) We are humans, we have feelings

3. *We've been spiritually terrorized / La gente nos persigue*

1) Persecuted

(1) In other countries believers are being martyred

(2) Here in the US we have to prepare ourselves for the greatest persecution that is to come

(a) Spiritual warfare

(b) Moral persecution

(c) Social persecution

(d) Religious persecution

4. *We've been thrown down / Nos hacen caer*

1) This person said: "Knock down but not knock out" / "Me hizo caer pero no me derroto

2) It seems that the enemy has given us the deadly blow / El enemigo nos dio el golpe de muerte

II. THE THINGS WE CAN'T SEE NOW WILL LAST FOREVER / LO QUE SI SABEMOS ES QUE SERA ETERNO

1. *There's far more here than meets the eye / Porque nosotros no nos preocupamos por lo que nos pasa en esta vida*

1) Things here on earth are temporary / Las cosas en esta vida son temporales

2) We can't keep up with the world / No Podemos seguir el ritmo del mundo

2. *The things we can't see now will last forever / Nos preocupamos por lo que nos pasara en la vida que tendremos en el cielo*

- 1) Heaven will be forever
- 2) Paul says: "We should plan on what is going to happen when we go to heaven"

III. THIS IS WHAT WE SEE BY FAITH

1. We're not demoralized / No nos desanimamos
 - 1) Neh. 8:10 "The joy of the Lord is our strength" "El gozo de Jehova es nuestra fortaleza"
2. We know that God knows what to do / Pero no perdemos la calma
 - 1) "He sits on His throne"
 - 2) "He see everything"
 - 3) "He knows what to do"
3. God hasn't left our side / Pero Dios no nos abandona
 - 1) "I am with you always" / "He aqui, yo estoy con vosotros"
 - 2) The Holy Spirit is our Counselor / El Espiritu Santo es nuestro Consolador
4. But we haven't broken / No nos destruyen
 - 1) He has already conquered
 - 2) He is at the right hand of the Father
 - 3) We are heaven bound / Vamos de peregrinos

CONCLUSION: