



NEVER GIVE UP.

**A Study of the
Book of 2 Corinthians**

PRAYING

FOR

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- Our Cinco Ranch Campus
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¡Nunca Te Rindas!
“Nunca Abandones tu Futuro”
2 Corintios 5:1-13 — 2 de Febrero de 2025

¡NUNCA TE RINDES!		
<i>Un Estudio sobre el libro de 2 Corintios</i>		
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Título del Mensaje</i>	<i>Texto</i>
5 Enero	Nunca Te Rindas	2 Corintios 1:1-11
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19 Enero	Nunca dejes de ser Transformado	2 Corintios 2:14-3:18
26 Enero	Nunca dejes de ver el sentido en tus sufrimientos	2 Corintios 4
2 Febrero	Nunca abandones tu futuro	2 Corintios 5:1-13
9 Febrero	Nunca dejes de reconciliarte	2 Corintios 5:14-21
16 Febrero	Nunca dejes de caminar en santidad	2 Corintios 6
23 Febrero	Nunca dejes de arrepentirte	2 Corintios 7
2 Marzo	Nunca abandones la generosidad parte 1	2 Corintios 8
9 Marzo	Nunca abandones la generosidad parte 2	2 Corintios 9
16 Marzo	Nunca dejes de luchar	2 Corintios 10
23 Marzo	Nunca abandones tu carácter	2 Corintios 11
30 Marzo	Nunca abandones a Cristo	2 Corintios 12:1-10
6 Abril	Nunca dejes de crecer	2 Corintios 12:11-13

Tenemos una esperanza futura (5:1-8)

- “Tenemos este ministerio... Tenemos este tesoro... Tenemos el mismo Espíritu de Fe... Tenemos un edificio de Dios” (2 Cor. 4:1, 7, 13; 5:1). ¡Qué testimonio dio Pablo sobre la realidad de la fe cristiana!
- Este “edificio de Dios” no es el hogar celestial del creyente, prometido en Juan 14:1-6. Es su cuerpo glorificado.
- Pablo era fabricante de carpas (Hechos 18:1-3). Aquí utiliza una carpa como imagen de nuestros cuerpos terrenales actuales. Una carpa es una estructura débil y temporal, sin mucha belleza; pero el cuerpo glorificado que recibiremos será eterno, hermoso y nunca mostrará signos de debilidad o decadencia (Fil. 3:20-21)
- Una clave para la eficacia bíblica es la confianza eterna. (Juan 17:3; Rom. 8:28, 38-19; Heb. 10:24-25)
- C.S. Lewis: “Si lees historia, encontrarás que los cristianos que más hicieron por el mundo actual fueron precisamente aquellos que pensaron más en el mundo venidero”.

TRES COSAS QUE PODEMOS “SABER”

1. Nuestro “_____” es Temporal (v. 1-5)

- Pablo está contrastando lo que es terrenal con lo que es eterno.
 - Carpa = hogar terrenal; cuerpos humanos
 - Edificio = hogar eterno; futuros cuerpos de resurrección
 - Desnudo = Alma sin cuerpo
- La realidad: en esta tienda gemimos. ¿Por qué?
 - Queremos mejores cuerpos. En realidad, cuerpos perfeccionados.
- ¡Y sucederá! (Versículos 4-5)
 - 1 Corintios 15:54 – Muerte devorada en victoria
- Espíritu Santo = Garantía
 - Charles Spurgeon: “La obra del Espíritu Santo en el alma es el brote del cielo”.
 - Ya, pero todavía no
- Aplicación #1: Pregunte: ¿Dónde estás gimiendo sobre tu tienda?

2. Nuestro “_____” está con el Señor (v. 6-8)

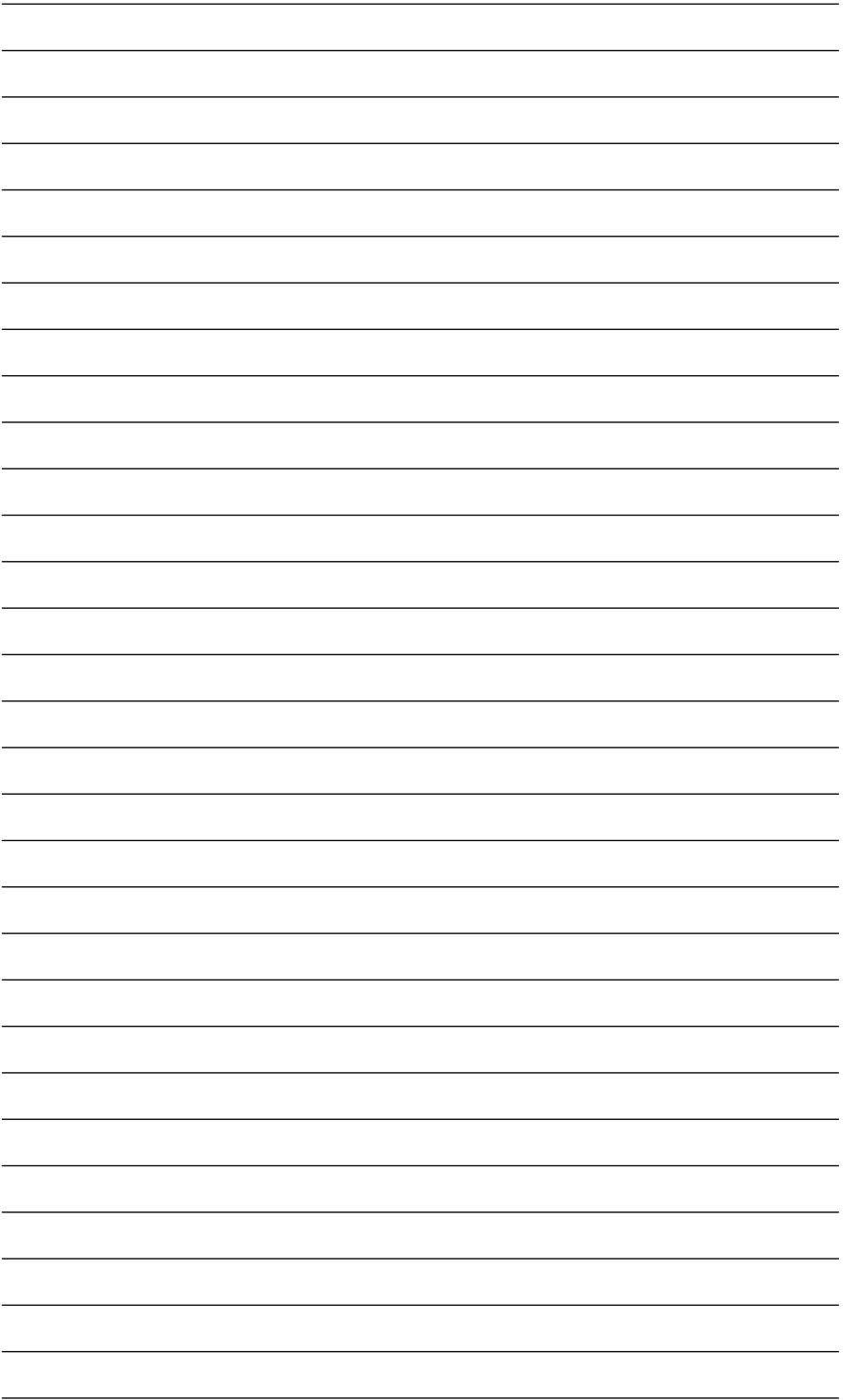
- “¿Qué significa estar “en casa con el Señor”? (Opiniones)
 1. El espíritu está con Jesús, luego el cuerpo está después
 2. Eternidad eterna, ya en cuerpos eternos
- Independientemente: Paul estaba emocionado por este día, no por otro período de espera.
- Versículo 7: Por fe andamos, y no por vista.
 - Una confianza segura en las promesas de Dios para el futuro, incluso si no puedes verlo.
- John Piper: “La pregunta crítica para nuestra generación—y para cada generación—es ésta: si pudieras tener el cielo, sin enfermedades, y con todos los amigos que alguna vez tuviste en la tierra, y toda la comida que alguna vez te gustó, y todas las actividades de ocio que alguna vez disfrutaste, y todas las bellezas naturales que alguna vez viste, todos los placeres físicos que alguna vez probaste, y ningún conflicto humano o cualquier desastre natural, ¿podrías estar satisfecho con el cielo, si Cristo no estuviera allí?
- Aplicación #2: Pregunte: ¿Qué es lo que más le entusiasma? (Tienda o Casa) ¿Y dónde está tu énfasis? (En Casa o Con el Señor)

3. Un día enfrentaremos _____ (v. 9-13)

- Entonces, ¿qué hacemos con los versículos 1-8?
 - No discutir sobre ello...
 - Ya sea en casa o fuera, el objetivo es agradar a Dios.
 - ¿Por qué? Todos compareceremos ante el tribunal.
- ¿Qué es el “tribunal”?
 - No: Gran Trono Blanco (Apocalipsis 20:11-15)
 - Pero: Bema Seat (Rom. 14:10, 1 Cor. 3-4)
- Conclusión: Las acciones actuales tienen consecuencias eternas.
- Saber esto produce el temor del Señor... lo que produce la evangelización (Hechos 9:31).
- Aplicación #3: El juicio es inevitable para todos nosotros. ¿Qué revelará el día del juicio?

Las grandes aplicaciones de hoy

- ¿Estás seguro de que eres conocido por Dios? ¡Puedes serlo hoy! (Romanos 3:23; 6:23; 10:9-10)
- ¿Está invirtiendo en el futuro? (2 Corintios 5:14-6:10)
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Never Give Up!

“Never Give Up on the Future” – 2 Cor. 5:1-13

February 2, 2025

NEVER GIVE UP!		
<i>A Detailed Study of the Book of Second Corinthians</i>		
Date	Message Title	2 Corinthians
Jan 5	Never Give Up!	2 Corinthians 1:1-11
Jan 12	Never Give Up on God's Promises	2 Corinthians 1:12-2:13
Jan 19	Never Give Up on Being Transformed	2 Corinthians 2:14-3:18
Jan 26	Never Give Up on Finding Meaning in Your Suffering	2 Corinthians 4:1-18
Feb 2	Never Give Up on the Future	2 Corinthians 5:1-13
Feb 9	Never Give Up on Reconciliation	2 Corinthians 5:14-21
Feb 16	Never Give Up on Walking in Godliness	2 Corinthians 6:1-7:1
Feb 23	Never Give Up on Saying I'm Sorry	2 Corinthians 7:2-16
Mar 2	Never Give Up on Generosity – Part 1	2 Corinthians 8:1-9:5
Mar 9	Never Give Up on Generosity – Part 2	2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Mar 16	Never Give Up on Fighting Your Battles	2 Corinthians 10:1-18
Mar 23	Never Give Up on Upholding Your Character	2 Corinthians 11:1-33
Mar 30	Never Give Up on Jesus Christ	2 Corinthians 12:1-10
April 6	Never Give Up on Growing	2 Corinthians 12:11-13:14

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We Have a Future Hope (5:1-8)

- “We have this ministry... We have this treasure... We have the same Spirit of Faith... We have a building of God” (2 Cor. 4:1, 7, 13; 5:1). What a testimony Paul gave to the reality of Christian faith!
- This “building of God” is not the believer’s heavenly home, promised in John 14:1-6. It is his glorified body.
- Paul was a tent maker (Acts 18:1-3). Here he uses a tent as a picture of our present earthly bodies. A tent is weak, temporary structure, without much beauty; but the glorified body we will receive will be eternal, beautiful, and never show signs of weakness or decay (Phil. 3:20-21)
- A key to biblical *effectiveness* is eternal *confidence*. (John 17:3; Rom. 8:28, 38-19; Heb. 10:24-25)
- **C.S. Lewis**: “If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world were precisely those who thought the most of the next.”

THREE THINGS WE CAN “KNOW”

1. Our “_____” is Temporary (v. 1-5)

- Paul is contrasting what is *earthly* vs. what is *eternal*.
 - Tent = Earthly home; human bodies
 - Building = Eternal home; future resurrection bodies
 - Naked = Soul with no body
- The reality: In this tent, we groan. Why?
 - We want better bodies. Actually, perfected bodies.
- And it will happen! (Verses 4-5)
 - **1 Corinthians 15:54** – Death swallowed up in victory
- Holy Spirit = Guarantee
 - **Charles Spurgeon**: “The work of the Holy Spirit in the soul is the bud of heaven.”
 - *Already, but Not Yet*
- **Application #1**: Ask: Where are you groaning over your tent?

2. Our “_____” is With the Lord (v. 6-8)

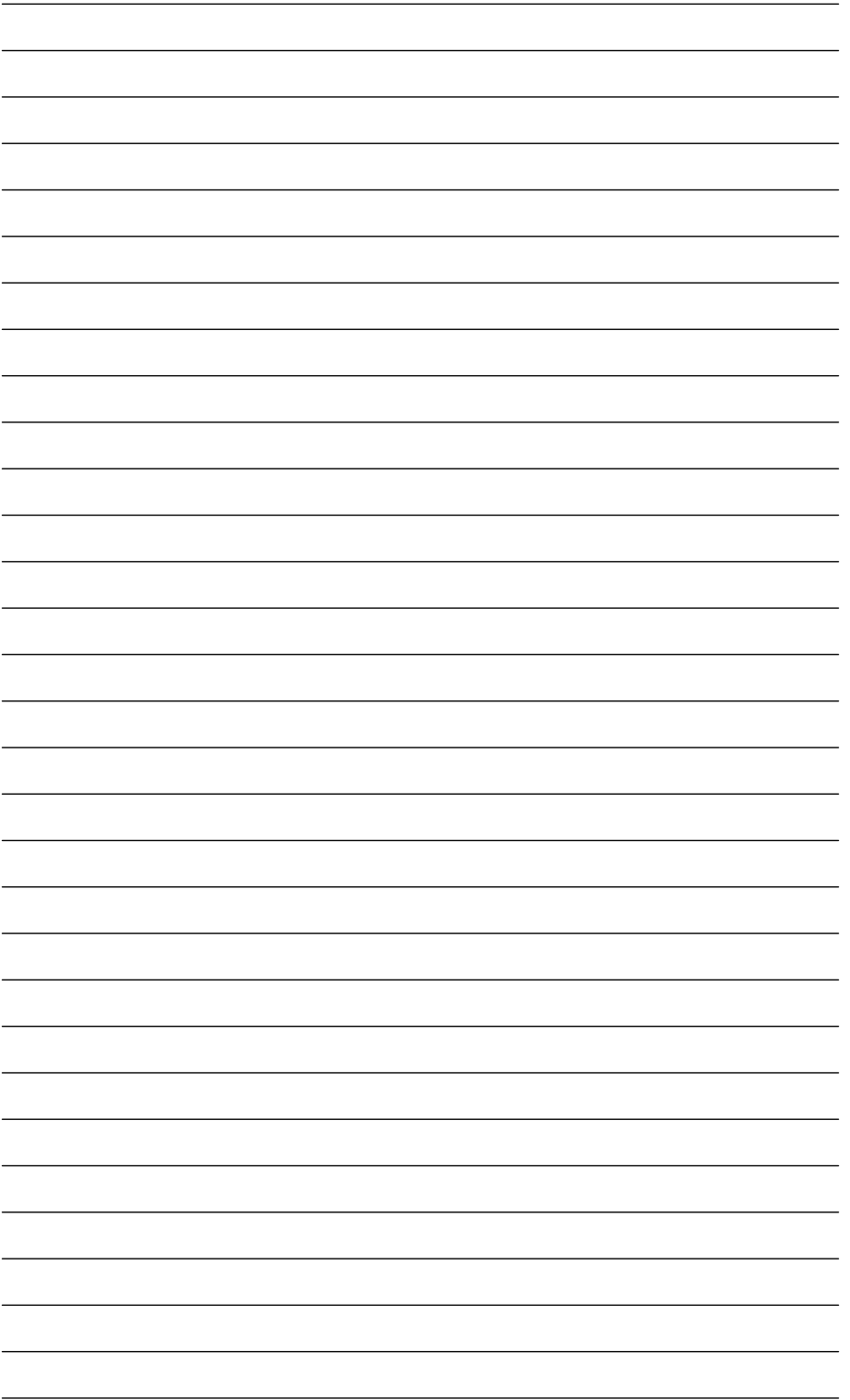
- “What does it mean to be “home with the Lord?” (Opinions)
 1. Spirit is with Jesus, then the body is later
 2. Timeless eternity, already in eternal bodies
- Regardless: Paul was excited for this day, not another waiting period.
- Verse 7: We walk by faith, and not by sight.
 - A confident trust in God's promises for the future, even if you can't see it.
- **John Piper**: “The critical question for our generation—and for every generation—is this: If you could have heaven, with no sickness, and with all the friends you ever had on earth, and all the food you ever liked, and all the leisure activities you ever enjoyed, and all the natural beauties you ever saw, all the physical pleasures you ever tasted, and no human conflict or any natural disasters, could you be satisfied with heaven, if Christ were not there?”
- **Application #2**: Ask: What are you most excited about? (*Tent or Home*) And where is your emphasis? (*Home or With the Lord*)

3. One Day We Will Face _____ (v. 9-13)

- So, what do we do with verses 1-8?
 - Not argue about it...
 - Whether home or away, aim is to please God.
 - Why? We will all appear before the judgment seat.
- What is the "judgment seat?"
 - Not: *Great White Throne* (Rev. 20:11-15)
 - But: *Bema Seat* (Rom. 14:10, 1 Cor. 3-4)
- Takeaway: Present day actions have eternal consequences.
- Knowing this produces the fear of the Lord... which produces evangelism (Acts 9:31).
- **Application #3:** Judgment is inevitable for all of us. What will your judgment day reveal?

Today's big Applications

- Are you confident that you are known by God? You can be today! (Romans 3:23; 6:23; 10:9-10)
- Are you investing in the future? (2 Cor. 5:14-6:10)
- **SAY YES**



SAY YES!

TODAY!

SAY YES to JESUS!

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“Never Gave Up”
Story

We pray our Never Give Up series is encouraging you as we dive into 2 Corinthians together. As we continue this journey, we'd love to hear your stories!

- Have you experienced God's strength when life felt unbearable?
- Did you hold on to hope or find meaning during a tough season?
- Have you chosen to reconcile or say "I'm sorry" when it wasn't easy?
- Or maybe there was another moment when you refused to give up and saw God at work.

Your story could inspire someone else to keep going. Send it to Communication@WhatsGrace.org—we can't wait to hear from you!
Let's celebrate the God who gives us the strength to never give up!

