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ARISING

THE PROCESS OF RENEWAL

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 4:16–18

FROM THE SERMON

GOD IS AT WORK DURING THIS STRANGE TIME

LIVING A NEW STORY

“Paul is not speaking of the believer’s future reward, nor is he talking about a recompense forthcoming to the Christian for enduring so much distress. This eternal weight of glory is something that our momentary, light troubles are achieving for us now. This takes awhile to sink in. Affliction does not give way to glory; affliction produces glory.”

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INWARD RENEWAL

Growth doesn’t “just happen”.

Growth is usually a long process not a quick one.

“The inward person, on the other hand, is being renewed day by day. The idea is of a progressive renewal that matches step for step the process of physical decline. The Greek verb for renew means “to make new again.” Paul appears to have coined the compound to express this developing spiritual reality. The deposit of the Spirit within us sets in motion a regenerative overhaul of the self that culminates in complete transformation at Christ’s return.”

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Things are happening before it looks like anything is happening.

It is messy.

The surest way to grow nothing is to try and grow too much.