

At Home Study Guide

For the week of January 1, 2017

“Walk by Faith” • 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Quick Review

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When your friends or family talk about death and dying, is it more a good thing or a bad thing, and why?

In light of 2 Corinthians 4:8-12, why would 5:6-10 be so important for Paul?

When someone dies, we often turn to 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; 1 Corinthians 15; and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 for comfort in our grief. What about these passages do you find uniquely hopeful for the believer in Jesus?

How can 1 Corinthians 15:56-58 and 2 Corinthians 5:7 establish a firm foundation in your walk with Christ as you begin the new year?

The life of faith is a journey of trusting and obeying as you experience the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus. Here are a few more verses to spur you on in the new year of trusting Jesus and living in the fullness of His grace: Philippians 3:12-14; John 10:10; John 16:33; Hebrews 1:1-2.

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