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Do you realize, Beloved, that someday as a child of God you are going to stand in the presence of God, in the presence of His glory? And you know how you're gonna stand there? You're gonna stand there blameless! You say, "No, I can't believe it!" Well that's what the Scripture says. How does that happen? Well it happens because you and I are on the path to glorifying God.

PART ONE

We have come, Beloved, to the final lesson in this series on guarding His glory; on living in such a way that we are desirous of showing to the world what God is really like, what Jesus Christ is really like, what it really means to become a new creation, to become formed into the image of Jesus Christ, going from glory to glory to glory. And one of the things that we've seen this week, I've been talking to you about, five precepts for life on guarding God's glory on walking in such a way that I glorify God. How do I glorify

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Him so that I finish the work that He has given me to do? How do I do that? Well we saw that the first way that we do that is we get into the Word of God. We get into the Word of God. And as we're looking in the mirror of God's Word, as we're looking at who God the Father is, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit is as we watched Them in action, as we read Their account of redemption and understand not only how He created the heavens and the earth, but how He is going to bring them under judgment and how He is going to establish His kingdom so that the kingdom of our God and the kingdom of His Christ will be the only kingdom that there is and exists. So we have seen as we have looked at this Word that I am changed from glory to glory into the image of Jesus Christ. (See 2 Corinthians 3:18) And then we saw also that I am not to seek my glory. I am not to put God back here and stand in the way and be somebody else's god, and be somebody else's savior. And let me just say this. You know God showed me the other day—because there are people you want to help, there are people that you long to see, you know, fulfill everything that they should be—and God just showed me: you are not their savior. You are not their god. And if you're trying to do that, then what you're doing is you're seeking your glory and not His. Then the other thing that we saw is that we're not to seek glory from men. We're not to love the praise and the approval and the approbation of men. And I tell you, God gives us a classic example of that in Acts when [Herod comes out and he sits on the dais, and he's sitting before these people. And he's making this speech. And they're saying, "Oh, it's the voice of a god. It's the voice of a god!" And God says, "I'm not gonna share my glory with him." And He smites him with worms, and he dies because he does not say, "I'm not a god! I'm a man!"] (PARAPHRASE, Acts 12:21-23) So we see that. And then the last thing that we were looking at in the last program was this: that the path to glory is suffering. And I didn't finish everything that I want to say. So I want us to go back to 2 Corinthians chapter 4. Now in 2 Corinthians chapter 4, I got you to affliction. I got you to suffering. But I

want us to go back and I want us to see this marvelous, marvelous truth; this principle that death brings forth life. Your death produces life in others. And that's why this suffering is a path to glory because it's because of Jesus' death that you and I have life. Now Paul is suffering. And Paul is sharing the suffering. And he is suffering because of the misconduct and the criticism and the meanness and the cruelty, so to speak, of the Corinthians, and how they've put him down, how there's an element that has followed him around that doesn't like him. And says that they're the true apostles, and they're the true prophets. And Paul's just, he's nothing. He's the least of the apostles. And Paul just agrees with them. "[Yeah I'm] **the least of the apostles.**" (1 **Corinthians 15:9**) [But Christ personally taught me.] (PARAPHRASE, 1 Corinthians 15:8) And he knows because he sat at the feet of Jesus. He knows that the path to glory involves suffering. After all, just before Paul was saved he watched Stephen get stoned. And he saw the glory of God, so to speak, on Stephen's face. (See Acts 6:15 and 7:58) So 2 Corinthians chapter 4—I just want to teach you the whole Bible, don't I? 2 Corinthians chapter 4, **"...we have this treasure in earthen vessels...."** (2 **Corinthians 4:7**) We have the Holy Spirit. The treasure of the Holy Spirit who is a gift under the New Covenant. So we have this treasure, the Holy Spirit in an earthen vessel. **"What? Know [you] not....,"** 1 Corinthians 6:19, **"...that your body is the temple of the Holy [Spirit who] is in you...you are not your own? (1 Corinthians 6:19, KJV) "...Therefore glorify God in your body....," (1 Corinthians 6:20)** which in reality [is God's because He bought it?] (PARAPHRASE, 1 Corinthians 6:20) So he says, **"...we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves."** (2 **Corinthians 4:7**) Remember, God's not gonna share His glory with any man. Remember we're not doing this to get glory. So if you're suffering so that you get glory from men—"Oh you are so wonderful. Oh, I love the way you suffer. You are just so precious when you suffer. And I just want to suffer more because

I want you to think I'm so precious, and I'm so wonderful, and I'm so Christ-like." Blah! No. No. No. He says, [we have this power in an earthen vessel so that the surpassing greatness will be seen in Jesus Christ.] (PARAPHRASE, 2 Corinthians 4:7) And so he goes on to say, **"We are afflicted in every way, but [we're] not crushed..."** he says, **"...[we are] perplexed, but [we're] not despairing..."** (2 Corinthians 4:8) Now notice he says, **"[We're] afflicted...[we are] perplexed...[we are] persecuted, but not forsaken; [we are] struck down, but not destroyed."** (2 Corinthians 4:8-9) Now is that suffering: affliction, crushed, perplexed, persecuted, struck down? That's suffering! But it's the path to glory. **"Always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus..."** (2 Corinthians 4:10) Now this is where it is good to mark every reference to "death." And I do it by making a black tombstone. And if you just joined us for the last of this series, you need to get the whole series. You need to go to our website, "preceptsforlife.com" You need to download the free study guide. You need to get the videos, or you get the audios, and you study this series. You don't want to miss it. And then you need to get connected with us, because we want a more intimate relationship with you in the Word of God. That's why God raised up Precept Ministries International. So he says, **"Always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus..."** tombstone **"...so that..."** (2 Corinthians 4:10) There's a purpose that I'm in this affliction and being persecuted and being struck down and being crushed and that. It's **"...so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body."** (2 Corinthians 4:10) Now if I'm manifesting the life of Jesus, what am I doing? What's another way to say it? I'm glorifying God. I'm giving you a correct opinion of Jesus because you're not seeing me. You're seeing Jesus. And you know it's Jesus, because you know if it were me, it'd be entirely different. He says, **"For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death..."** tombstone again. **"...for Jesus' sake..."** (2 Corinthians 4:11) I'm suffering for Jesus' sake. I'm being put to death, my hopes, my

dreams, my ambitions, my comfort, my health, my welfare, my lack of prosperity, whatever. I'm being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake. And by the way, listen; don't let anyone tell you that if you believe God, you're always prosperous. I mean, go to China. Look at the house-churches. He says, **"...being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that..."** purpose clause, **"... the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us...."** Death works in my life. I'm suffering so that there might be **"...life in you."** (2 Corinthians 4:11-12) And there's life because what happens? You see me in my anguish. You see me in my suffering. You see me in the loss of a loved one. Or you see me in the loss of my happiness or my possessions or my house or whatever. You see me in that loss, and yet when you look at me, I'm not acting normal. I'm acting like Jesus would act. And so what happens is when death works in me then life works in you because you see, hey this isn't normal. This has to be God. So he says, **"So death works in us, but life in you. But having the same spirit of faith ,according to what is written, 'I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE,' we also believe, therefore we also speak, knowing that He who raised [up] the Lord Jesus will raise us [up] also with Jesus and will present us with you."** (2 Corinthians 4:12-14) Present us where? In His presence, in the presence of His glory. How? Blameless. You say, tell me more! I will. You come back in just a minute.

PART TWO

As we look at glorifying God, guarding His glory, we've come to that fourth precept for life of: How do you guard His glory? Well you realize that suffering is the path to glory. And we're wrapping it up now by looking at 2 Corinthians chapter 4 because we've got to see glory again. So we're talking about how death works in us so that life works in others. And he says this, verse 15 of 2 Corinthians 4. Get ready with your pen. **"For all things are for your sakes...."** (2 Corinthians 4:15) In other words, Paul's saying

“You know everything that I’m going through, being afflicted, being crushed, being perplexed, being persecuted, being struck down, always carrying in my body the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus might be seen. You know, all of that is for your sake. It’s not for me. It’s not for my glory. And I’m not seeking glory of men. I’m seeking to point you to the glory of God. And the way that I do it is by walking this path of suffering.” He says, **“For all things are for your sakes, so that the grace which is spreading to more and more people....” (2 Corinthians 4:15)** When he’s talking about the grace spreading to more and more people, it’s the grace by which they’re saved. In other words, all this persecution and all that Paul is going through is not hindering the spreading of the gospel, but is causing the spreading of the gospel. And people are getting saved. He says, **“...spreading to more and more people [causing] the giving of thanks...,”** now listen, **“...to abound to the glory of God.” (2 Corinthians 4:15)** In other words, my suffering is bringing others to Jesus Christ and that is causing God’s glory to abound. He’s getting more and more glory through this. Now doesn’t that make suffering worth it? I just think about one of our trainers who— here she is, in her 50’s suddenly not feeling well. Finds out that it’s pancreatic cancer and liver cancer and just lives, just a matter of weeks. And yet her death and the way that she handled that has brought life to others. And so when she stands in the presence of God, in the presence of His glory, she is not ashamed. She’s standing there blameless. She fought the good fight. She kept the faith. She finished the course. (See 2 Timothy 4:7) And so he says, **“Therefore...,”** verse 16, **“...we do not lose heart, [for] though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.” (2 Corinthians 4:16)** I may be wasting away on the outside. I may be suffering, but my inner man is being renewed day by day. Now watch this. **“For momentary, light affliction....”** It’s momentary. It’s light. **“...is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison.” (2 Corinthians 4:17)** In a sense, it’s like the more you suffer,

the greater the glory: an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison.

“While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen....” (2 Corinthians 4:18) We keep our eyes on heaven. We keep our eyes on the fact that we’re going to stand in the presence of God.

He says, **“While we look not at the things that are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.” (2 Corinthians 4:18)** So that’s the way we’re looking. It reminds me also of 1 Peter chapter 1. Listen to this.

He says, **“In this...,”** verse 6, **“...you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary...[being] distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold [that] is perishable even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 1:6-7)**

Your suffering is going to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Isn’t that awesome? I wish we could stay here and savor it even more. He says, **“And though [you’ve] not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory.” (1 Peter 1:8)**

Your joy is full of glory because you have glory on your mind, the glory of God, the glory of Jesus Christ, the glory of heaven. Now, what is the final precept? The final precept is this, and you want to write it down: Ministry to others is your crown of glory. Ministry to others is discipling. Precept Ministries is all about discovering truth for yourself, going deeper. Do you see the “D’s”? Discover, Deeper, Disciple. Your ministry to others, your discipleship of others is your crown of glory. I want you to go to 1

Thessalonians. He’s writing to this church that has come to believe in Jesus Christ. I mean, they have so embraced Jesus even in the midst of suffering, even in the midst of affliction, even in the midst of persecution because of the gospel. They have embraced Jesus Christ. They have seen Paul. And Paul and Silvanus and Timothy have become their example. And then in 1

Thessalonians chapter 2, he's talking about **"...[I] wanted to come to you—I, Paul, more than once—[but] Satan hindered us."** He says, **"For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation [or rejoicing]...?"** He says, **"...Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? For you..."** now watch, **"...[you] are our glory and joy."** (1 Thessalonians 2:18-20) When you minister to others they become your crown of joy and rejoicing. They become your glory. They become your joy because their salvation and their discipleship and their walking with the Lord becomes a testimony, a testimony of the ministry that God has given you. When Jesus comes, when you and I stand in His presence, who's going to stand there with you? Who's going to be your crown of joy and rejoicing? Who is going to be your joy? Who's going to be your glory? O Precious One, this is my prayer, this benediction for you from Jude verse 24 and 25, **"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory...with great joy, to [our] only God [and] Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority..."** be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, **"...before all time...now and forever."** (Jude 24-25) To make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless, blameless with great joy. Oh, guard His glory, because you're going to stand in the presence of His glory. And you are going to live with Him in glory forever and ever. Whom He justified, He glorified.