

DISAPPOINTED WITHOUT BECOMING DISAPPOINTMENT

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2 Corinthians 6:10

Disappointed is an event; disappointment is an experience. Disappointed is a moment of crisis; disappointment is a choice.

You can be disappointed by unanswered prayers, painful circumstances, or people who let you down. But you do not have to allow being disappointed becoming disappointment.

The Apostle Paul understood this. He planted, loved, and invested in the Corinthian church, only to experience rejection and misunderstanding. Yet he refused to let being disappointed to turn to disappointment. He did this by making three powerful choices.

1. **FOCUS ON THE RIGHT THINGS** - "...dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed." (v.9)

Paul acknowledged his pain, but he fixed his eyes on God's sustaining grace. He refused to magnify his wounds and chose instead to magnify God's faithfulness.

What you focus on determines what you become. If you focus on the pain, you will become consumed by it. But when you focus on Jesus, you rise above your circumstances.

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus..." (Hebrews 12:2).

2. **SPEAK THE RIGHT WORDS** - "...sorrowful, yet always rejoicing..." (v.10)

Sorrow is natural, but rejoicing is intentional. Our confession must not be governed by our condition but by God's promises.

Faith declares what God says even when feelings say otherwise.

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue." (Proverbs 18:21)

3. **DO THE RIGHT THINGS** - "...poor, yet making many rich... having nothing, and yet possessing everything." (v.10)

Even in pain, Paul kept loving, serving, giving, and pouring into others. He refused to allow disappointment to stop his devotion.

Often, your breakthrough lies on the other side of your obedience. As Jim Goll wisely said: "Don't doubt in darkness what you have seen or heard in times of light."

Keep obeying. Keep serving. Keep blessing others. God is still working, even when you cannot yet see the outcome.

In Genesis 35, Rachel named her son Ben-Oni—"son of my sorrow." But Jacob renamed him Benjamin—"son of my right hand," a son of honour and destiny. The situation did not change; the perspective did.

Today are you carrying disappointment in your heart? The Holy Spirit is inviting you to lift your eyes above your pain and see your life through God's perspective. Refuse to allow disappointment to become your identity.

Declare by faith: "I may be disappointed, but I will not become a disappointment!"