

Glory or Desolation?
Resilient: Strength That Prevails
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Notes

Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit,

I receive your Glory into my being.

I receive the Glory that fills the oceans, the Glory that sustains the sun. I receive the Glory that raised Christ from the dead!

I pray that your Eden Glory would fill my heart, soul, mind, and strength.

I am your temple, Lord; come and fill your temple with your Glory!

I also pray that your Eden Glory would shield me against all forms of Desolation coming over my life. I renounce every agreement I might have made with Desolation, every agreement large and small.

I choose you, God. I renounce the Falling Away, and I choose you. Regardless of how I feel, I choose you, Lord. You are my God and Savior.

I pray that your Eden Glory would fill my life--restoring me, renewing me, granting me supernatural endurance and resilience.

I also invoke your Eden Glory over my life as a shield, over my household and domain. I invoke your glory, love, and kingdom as my constant strength and shield in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, ruler of heaven and earth.

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Read Ephesians 1:19-23.

As you look at the world, through the lenses of the media, whether it be news or social media, who appears to have the 'power'?

What does this passage tell you about who is really in control?

What words or phrases does the Apostle Paul use to describe God's power?

Which has more power in your life, the daily news or the truth of God? How do your attitudes and actions reflect that?

2. Read Matthew 24:4-8.

"Don't panic," Jesus says. How can you hold onto peace in the midst of the chaos of our world? What can you do to align your heart and mind with God's perspective?

How does being intentional about being in alignment with God's truth help build your resilience?

3. Read Psalm 73:26.

Which 'threats' or challenges in your life are most likely to cause you to feel discouraged or faint-hearted?

What could you do to remind yourself that God is your strength?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 6:19, and 2 Corinthians 6:16.

The temple of God is the place where His glory dwells. What does it mean to you that YOU as a follower of Jesus are the place where the glory of God resides?

How can the indwelling glory of God empower you against desolation?

5. Read 2 Corinthians 3:18.

What evidence of God's glory might someone be able to see in your life?

How is the Holy Spirit changing you to be more and more like Him?