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The Turbulence of Disappointment and Discouragement

What Living in Discouragement Does to My Life:

1. It _____ Me of _____.
2. It _____ My _____.
3. It _____ My _____ in God.
4. It _____ My _____.

Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Luke 7:18-28 John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, ¹⁹ he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" ²⁰ When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?'" ²¹ At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. ²² So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ²³ Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me." ²⁴ After John's messengers left, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ²⁵ If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear expensive clothes and indulge in luxury are in palaces. ²⁶ But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷ This is the one about whom it is written: "'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'" ²⁸ I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

The One Thing:

I Can Overcome Discouragement by Taking My Eyes Off of My

_____ and Putting Them Back on

What Jesus is _____.

Four Keys for Overcoming Discouragement:

1. Bend My _____ to the Work of Jesus in the Here and Now.

Luke 7:18-20

2. Focus on the Actual Work of Jesus – What He _____, not What He _____.

Luke 7:21-23

3. Be Willing to _____ in the Gap Between What Jesus Has _____ and What Jesus Has _____.

Luke 7:21-23

4. Focus on the _____ of Jesus, not the _____ of Other People.

Luke 7:24-28

Ephesians 3:16-21 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

A Prayer for a Discouraged Heart

Fill My Heart with Your Undeniable Presence.

Fill My Soul with Your Unlimited Strength.

Fill My Life with Your Unfailing Love.

Fill My Future with Your Unending Work.