



Week 4, Day 3:

“So we don’t look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.”

2 Corinthians 4:18 (NLT)

“Long ago the LORD said to Israel: “I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself.”

Jeremiah 31:3 (NLT)

“Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God’s work from beginning to end.”

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NLT)

Everything you see around you is temporary. The building you’re in, the computer or phone you’re staring at, and even your body will one day disappear from existence. Yet it’s what you can’t see around you that’ll last forever.

And it’s those realities that truly matter. Today’s readings show us three realities which are important for us to remember and reflect upon:

1. **Things of this earth are not made to last forever.** The Bible tells us in 2 Corinthians 4:18, “Things that are seen don’t last forever, but things that are not seen are eternal. That’s why we keep our minds on the things that cannot be seen,” (CEV).
2. **God made you to love you,** and he wants you to learn to love him back. This is the most important reality of life. (Jeremiah 31:3)

3. **You were made to last forever.** (Ecclesiastes 3:11) One day your heart will stop beating, but that won't be the end of your body — and it certainly won't be the end of you.

Prayer:

God, thank you for everything you created. Help me to focus more on things that cannot be seen and become less focused and concerned with things that will soon pass. Help me connect with your heart for the world around me and in that find my purpose!