

## It Is Clearly Winter

### Description

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2 Corinthians 4:7-18

It is winter. The landscape is barren, and the air is choked with dark fog. It is a bleak reflection of the reality of loss. Even in winter, we are left to wonder what lies beneath the things that are visible to our eyes.

The apostle Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 4 speak to the confidence that we have as believers to endure the harshest winter. It is the hope of the resurrection, the faith in things unseen that sustained the apostles in the midst of great trial. They knew with assurance that their suffering was temporary and that wrapped in the pain of death was the inexpressible gift of eternal life.

Buried beneath the layer of frost on the once green grass is the gift of grief, a gentle nudge of grace, the suggestion to sit in the arms of a loving God with the assurance that, out of pain, something new will be born. For those who believe, this season will not overshadow the exceptional seasons that most surely will come.

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