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Perspective:

- Abraham Lincoln, "We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses." Henry David Thoreau, "The question is not what you look at, but what you see."
- So much of life is a battle for perspective.



Perspective:

- Perspective is a little thing that makes a big difference. Perspective does not change your circumstances but it changes you. The wrong perspective can leave your soul in ruins. Sadly, we expend too much energy trying to control the outcomes of our outer world rather than trying to win the battle for perspective in our inner world.



Perspective:

- Today we want to wrap up the series on growth – we have looked at 5 components of discipleship (Biblical Maturity, Spiritual Maturity, Relational Maturity, Stewardship Maturity, and Inner Life Maturity or Soul Care)
- Paul gives us insights into the battle on perspective – let's look at Colossians 3

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Perspective:

- Colossians 3:1-4, "Since, then you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."



Perspective:

- First, if we are going to win the battle for perspective we need to set our hearts on things above. Paul says, “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.” What does Paul mean? (Refers to your future condition in the past tense - Father’s perspective – finished product)

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Perspective:

- First, if we are going to win the battle for perspective we need to set our hearts on things above.
- To set our hearts on things above is to set our desires on things above. The things that matter to God need to matter to us. We are invited to take up the Father's perspective. The more we set our hearts on temporary things, the more we lose the eternal perspective. (e.g., covet & envy)

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Perspective:

- First, if we are going to win the battle for perspective we need to set our hearts on things above.
- How do we set our hearts on things above? (Draw near to God – interested in the things that matter to the people you love) (Slow down to reflect - Walk through a graveyard slowly; sunset)





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- Second, if we are going to win the battle for perspective we need to set our minds on things above. Paul said, "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." (spouse – focus on change or gratitude)



Perspective:

- Second, if we are going to win the battle for perspective we need to set our minds on things above.
- What I fix my mind on not only affects my relationships on earth, but it also can rob me of my heavenly perspective. Perspective is a little thing that makes a big difference. Wrong perspective can leave your soul in ruins.



Perspective:

- Second, if we are going to win the battle for perspective we need to set our minds on things above.
- Paul reminds us that we will appear with Christ in glory. He calls us to get the Father's perspective. Heaven will solve all earth's problems, and fulfill all God's promises. We must battle for the heavenly view. (temporary view on marriage, kids, \$ vs eternal view)



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- Second, if we are going to win the battle for perspective we need to set our minds on things above.
- How do we fix our minds on things above? (Battle mind drift - Worship & thanksgiving; reading; recalibrating eternal perspective) Peace is a byproduct of our minds attentiveness to the eternal.