

Wholeness and the Big AND in Christ

Physical Reality Earth The world	FAITH To Receive	Spiritual Reality Heaven God
My kingdom Our little stories	FAITH to Surrender	God's kingdom God's big story
My effort My responsibilities Just me [flesh]	FAITH to Trust	God's power God with me God in me
Limitations Weaknesses Shortcoming sin	FAITH for Transformation	His life in me Freedom Righteousness Abundance
Death Pain, Fear brokenness decay	FAITH in Comfort	Life in the age to come Abundant Life, Unconditional love Hope

If Only this->
Despair (pride)
Nihilism (hopelessness)
Caught in a rut
Wallow

If Only this->
Delusion
Ideologies
Warm Fuzzy ideas.

Acknowledging my humanity while looking to God:

Psalm 62-4 Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am faint;
heal me, Lord, for my bones are in agony.
My soul is in deep anguish.
How long, Lord, how long?
Turn, Lord, and deliver me;
save me because of your unfailing love.

2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart.
Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly
we are being renewed day by day.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Therefore, in order to keep me
from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my
flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three
times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.
⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for
my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I
will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so
that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for
Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in
hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I
am weak, then I am strong.

**May we have the courage to acknowledge our human
condition while looking steadily at Christ from whom
the love, hope, peace, and joy of God has come.**