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2 Corinthians: Strength in Weakness

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SHINE THE LIGHT

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Big Idea: *We faithfully proclaim the light of Christ, trusting God to open blind eyes.*

1. We are called to _____ .

[1] "Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart, [2] but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God."

2 Corinthians 5:18 "Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."

2 Corinthians 11:23-28 "Are they servants of Christ?—I speak as if insane—I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death. [24] Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. [25] Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. [26] I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; [27] I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. [28] Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches."

Romans 7:24 "Wretched men that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?"

John 3:20-21 "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. [21] But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

2. We are called to _____ .

[3] "And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, [4] in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. [5] For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. [6] For God, who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."

1 Corinthians 2:14a "A natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him."

Act 11:18 "When the church heard about the conversion of Cornelius and his household. They said "God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life."

John 3:8 "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

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