

## 2 Corinthians 4

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. 2 Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. 3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 11 For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. 12 So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. 13 It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, 14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. 15 All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. 16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

◆ Gideon: During Gideon's time, their enemy was a massive like locusts, but God used Gideon and 300 men to destroy the enemy. The enemy were 135000, they used a trumpet and shouting, and God killed 135000 with His angel.

**Verse 18 Don't lose your faith**

◆ Paul in this text, he begins to talk his situation of his life, He does not hide his circumstances that he is going through. If you are sick, you can say sick, if you are tired you can say, But you need to say 'BUT God will heal me, But God is going to give me strength.' Beyond that negative situation

◆ Why does he think this way? He knows something we don't know, He says there is a great treasure inside of us, he is talking about People who surrender to Jesus Christ. God is in them and empower them, our problem is that we allow us circumstances, and feeling go before us, we have treasure in us.

2 Cor 12: 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, I am strong

**ROMANS      God can turn bad things for good.**

8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**Romans 8: We are more than conquerors through Him**

8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

**God wants us to have a mindset of victory**

1. Affirm / power of we have is not ours, Phil 4: 2-13 I can do all things thru Christ who strengthen me, if we don't keep the power comes from God, we become prideful, you are glorified yourself, you will become god, you are going to do adultery

2. We must know the purpose of our life. [2 Cor 4: 10]

Let people see Jesus through our life. Manifest Jesus through our life [2 Cor 1: 3-4] we live for others, our task is to reach people for Christ

3. Speak faith-filled words [ 2 Cor 4:7-18] WE speak I believed,

Faith comes from hearing the word of God

To speak faith, you need to have faith. Faith is based on God's word,

[2 Cor 4:14]

He is the Lord of life, therefore we seek life. Jesus is the Lord, the word

4. Expectation allows us to be open to receive from God

A woman of the blood issue

She had in her mind, 'if I can touch a garment of Jesus she will be healed', Jesus said to her that your faith made you well.

5. Be renewed by the Holy Spirit

A mindset of victory, no matter what happened in our life

God is with me, God will make a way and use me

[Romans 8:11]

6. Live life in the light of eternity [2 Cor 4:17-18]

We must focus on eternal things.

**Application**

1. Let us examine our mindset. Are you having a limitation due to circumstances or economy?
2. Let us learn to have a mindset of victory.
3. How do we apply each point to our life?