

Sufficiency IN CHRIST

Persistence
Message 3

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2. Empowered by _____.
(2 Corinthians 4:7-12. C/R: Acts 9:15-16; 14:22;
Philippians 1:12; 2 Timothy 2:11-13)

► Outline

... since God in His mercy has given us this new way, we never give up.

2 Corinthians 4:1 (NLT)

We never give up because we are...

(2 Corinthians 4:1-18)

1. Entrusted with the _____.

(2 Corinthians 4:1-6. C/R: Romans 10:13-15;

1 Corinthians 2:4-5; Ephesians 2:2; Colossians 1:12-15)

3. Experiencing _____.

(2 Corinthians 4:13-18. C/R: Romans 8:17-18;

Ephesians 3:16-19; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 5:10)

Answers: 1. Gospel 2. God 3. renewal

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

Describe a time you felt like giving up.

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read [2 Corinthians 4:1-18](#).

1. What's the *new way* Paul describes in [vs. 1-2](#)?
2. In what ways was Paul a *servant* ([vs. 2-5](#))?
3. Why did Paul compare God making His light shine in people's hearts ([vs. 6](#)) to the creation account of [Genesis 1](#)? What are some ways God's actions in salvation are similar to His actions in creation?
4. What's Paul trying to communicate with the metaphor of *fragile clay jars* ([vs. 7](#))?
5. Have you ever felt empowered by God to share the Gospel? If so, give an example.
6. Why do you think Paul refers to his sufferings as *the death of Jesus* ([vs. 10](#))?
7. As you look over chapter 4, how did Paul keep from losing heart even though he encountered much suffering in his ministry?

8. What would it look like to fix your eyes on *things that cannot be seen* ([vs. 16-18](#))? What are practical ways to do that?
9. In what ways have you experienced renewal? How could this motivate you to share the Gospel?
10. What's your biggest takeaway from this week's lesson?
11. For further study, consider ways [Psalm 116](#) fits together with [vs. 13-18](#).

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is like training for the soul. If you build these into your everyday life, you're sure to strengthen your relationship with God.

Praying through Scripture has been a common practice for Christians throughout church history. Use [2 Corinthians 4:8-9](#) to pray for the Lord's strength and hope.

Memory Verse

So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. [2 Corinthians 4:18 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

- Day 1: [Colossians 1:11-20](#) Day 4: [Philippians 1:12-14](#)
Day 2: [2 Timothy 2:11-13](#) Day 5: [Psalm 116:15-19](#)
Day 3: [Romans 8:15-18](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, October 10, we'll continue our series *Sufficiency in Christ*. To prepare read [2 Corinthians 5:1-6:2](#).



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