

Reaching Forward With God's Power

Text: [2 Corinthians 4:7-18](#)

Introduction

[1 Corinthians 2:5](#) “5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.”

1) You Have Received A Powerful _____

A. A _____ vessel for a powerful treasure

- [2 Timothy 2:20](#) “20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.”
- [2 Corinthians 5:1](#) “1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” • [1 Thessalonians 4:4](#) “4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;”
- [Luke 8:16](#) “16 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light.”
- [Psalm 139:13–14](#) “13 For thou hast possessed my reins: Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: Marvellous are thy works; And that my soul knoweth right well.”
- “excellency” — extraordinary overabundance n. — the state of having extremely (even superlatively) more than is necessary.
- Quote: (Missionary J. Hudson Taylor) “All God's giants have been weak men who did great things for God because they reckoned on Him being with them.”

B. Purposed trials _____ your powerful treasure

- Quote: (Warren Wiersbe) “Sometimes God permits our vessels to be jarred so that some of the treasure will spill out and enrich others.”
- [Psalm 129:2](#) “2 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: Yet they have not prevailed against me.”
- [Romans 2:9](#) “9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;”
- [1 Corinthians 4:12](#) “12 And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:”

- [Psalm 37:24](#) “24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: For the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.”
- Quote: (Dr. John Henry Jowett) “Ministry that costs nothing, accomplishes nothing.”
- Quote: (A.W. Tozer) "How completely satisfying to turn from our limitations to a God who has none."

2) You Have Received A Powerful _____ Of Faith

A. Your faith attitude must be _____ by God’s Word

- [1 Peter 5:10](#) “10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.”

B. Your faith attitude must look _____ the physical

a) This requires a daily renewal

- [Romans 12:2](#) “2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”
- [Romans 8:18](#) “18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”
- [1 Peter 5:10](#) “10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.”
- [Hebrews 4:16](#) “16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

b) It requires you to focus upon the real world

- [Hebrews 11:13](#) “13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.”

Conclusion

[Romans 10:9–10](#) “9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”