



Introduction - The Comfort of God - Part 4

Have you ever felt like a "cracked pot"? We often try to hide our flaws, fearing that our weaknesses make us less effective or less valuable. In 2 Corinthians 4, Paul flips this perspective upside down. He describes believers as "jars of clay"—ordinary, fragile, and easily broken—but containing a "surpassing power" that comes from God. This week, we explore how our struggles aren't obstacles to God's power, but the very place where His glory is most clearly seen.

Scripture Focus:

- 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Discussion Questions:

1. **Plain Truth:** In verses 1-2, Paul speaks about renouncing "secret and shameful ways" and setting forth the truth plainly. Why is authenticity and "unfiltered" honesty so important when we share our faith with others?
2. **Blinded Minds:** Paul mentions that the "god of this age" has blinded many (v. 4). How do you see this spiritual blindness manifesting in our culture today, and how should that impact the way we pray for those around us?
3. **The Treasure and the Jar:** Verse 7 says we have treasure in "jars of clay" so the power is clearly from God. What are some of the "cracks" or weaknesses in your life that God has used to show His strength?
4. **Pressed but not Crushed:** Read verses 8-9. Paul lists four intense pressures but concludes we are not destroyed. Which of these pairs (pressed/not crushed, perplexed/not despair, etc.) resonates most with your current season of life?
5. **The Eternal Weight:** Paul calls our troubles "light and momentary" compared to "eternal glory" (v. 17). This can be hard to hear when pain feels heavy. How does fixing our eyes on the "unseen" (v. 18) practically change how we handle a difficult week?