

Treasures in Jars of Clay - 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Topics: Death, Deceit, Endurance, Gospel, Knowledge, Ministry, Power, Renewal, Satan

Open It

1. What are some things or people in which you have a lot of faith?
- * 2. For what reasons do you most often get discouraged?
3. What areas of life are difficult to entrust completely to God?

Explore It

- * 4. Why did Paul tell the Corinthians not to lose heart? (4:1)
5. What did Paul believe would result from telling the plain truth? (4:2)
6. How did Paul respond to his opponents' accusations? (4:2)
7. Why did Paul's opponents not understand his ministry? (4:3-4)
8. Who is the god of this age? (4:4)
9. What has the god of this age done? (4:4)
10. Whom did Paul preach? Why? (4:5-6)
11. What kind of jars contained Paul's treasure? (4:7)
- * 12. How did Paul contrast his own weakness with God's power? (4:8-9)
13. What did Paul call his sufferings? (4:10)
14. What value did Paul see in his sufferings? (4:10-12)
15. What motivated Paul to preach the gospel in spite of hardship? (4:13-14)
- * 16. How did Paul encourage the Corinthians to carry on despite difficulty? (4:16-18)

Get It

17. How would you define faith?
18. What elements of the Christian faith that we cannot see are central to our life with Christ?
19. What does it mean for us to renew our faith?
20. In what ways do some religious people distort the Word of God?
21. When have you been discouraged or perplexed in your Christian life?
- * 22. What makes it difficult for us to fix our attention and hope on God?
- * 23. How can God help us through difficult times?
24. When have you felt inner peace in spite of trying circumstances?

Apply It

- * 25. What do you want to remember the next time you feel discouraged?
26. How could you encourage another Christian who is confused or bogged down by the cares of life?