

## **OUTLINE QUESTIONS:** II Corinthians 4:7-18

I. Showcasing Jesus instead of ourselves requires dying so others may live (verses 7-12).

A. God is our power source made obvious by our human frailty (vs 7).

B. Jesus is our resurrection life (verses 8-10).

1. Four contrasts between intense suffering and surprising perseverance (vs 8-9):

a. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed.

b. Perplexed but not despairing.

c. Persecuted but not forsaken.

d. Struck down but not destroyed.

2. Sharing in the death and resurrection of Jesus (vs 10).

a. Sharing in the death of Jesus.

b. Sharing in the resurrection of Jesus.

C. Death is our ministry calling so others may live (vs 11-12).

II. Spreading grace to the glory of God requires proclaiming the power of the resurrection (vs 13-15).

A. Testimony springs from faith (vs 13).

B. Testimony springs from confidence in the resurrection (vs 14).

C. Testimony springs from the ultimate desire to see God glorified (vs 15).

III. Suffering affliction with perseverance requires focusing on the eternal weight of glory (vs 16-18).

A. Main application (vs 16a):

“Therefore, we do not lose heart.”

B. Battle ground (vs 16b):

Physical vs Spiritual

C. Eternal reward (vs 17):

When it comes to eternity there is no comparison.

D. Eternal Focus (vs 18):

“While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

#### 4 Reasons We Do Not Quit

1. God’s power and God’s son are being glorified (2 Cor 4:7, 10, 11).
2. The church is being strengthened (2 Cor 12, 15).
3. God’s presence is sustaining us (2 Cor 4:8-9).
4. We will be resurrected from the dead (2 Cor 4:14).

#### 4 More Reasons Not to Quit and Be Renewed Day by Day

1. Our afflictions are momentary (2 Cor. 4:17).
2. Our afflictions are light (2 Cor 4:17).
3. Eternal glory is being produced (2 Cor 4:17).
4. What is seen is temporary but what is unseen is eternal (2 Cor 4:18, 1 Pt 1:13, Heb 10:35-36).