

2 Corinthians 4:1-
"We Faint Not"

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1. Introduction

- a. Quitters never win
- b. Winners never quit
- c. "we faint not" means we do not lose heart / we do not give up

2. Paul Encouraged by Mercy

- a. Christian has received a ministry
- b. Every member to minister
 - * - because every Christian has received mercy from God
 - we do not give up
- c. Paul reveals the truth in teaching
 - not by deceit or lies
 - not by hidden things of shame

3. Paul Encouraged by Power of Gospel

- a. Preach Christ Jesus the Lord
- b. Every Christian a servant to Christ
- c. Gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor 15:1, 3-5)
 - According to prophecies of Scripture
 - * Jesus died for our sins
 - * Jesus was buried (dead)
 - * Jesus raised to life the 3rd day
 - Jesus seen alive from the dead
 - * by the 12 apostles
 - * by over 500 people in Galilee
 - * by His earthly family
 - * 1 Cor 15:5-8

4. Paul Encouraged by Weakness

a. He was hard pressed

- perplexed
- persecuted
- struck down
- always feeling like delivered to death for Jesus sake

b. BUT Paul was not crushed

- not in despair
- not forsaken
- not struck down
- not destroyed

c. Purpose: that Jesus' life may be revealed in our mortal flesh

- 2 Cor 12:9 My grace is sufficient for you... for my powerful strength is made perfect in weakness

5. Paul Encouraged by Faith in Future (2 Cor 4:14-16)

a. God raised up Jesus from the dead

b. God will also raise up Christian to life

c. Christian's outward life dying day by day

- BUT Inward soul renewed day by day