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Sermon: **We Do Not Lose Heart (2 Corinthians 4:7-18)**

Date: **April 7, 2024**

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### Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. How have you found suffering in your life to be a masterful teacher? What lessons about yourself and about God have you learned from seasons of suffering? Explain.
3. Explain the metaphor "*treasures in jars of clay*" that Paul uses in verse 7. What is he communicating to us about ourselves and about God in this phase?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 11:30, 12:9, and 13:4. What does it mean when Paul says he *boasts* in his weakness? Why does Paul boast in his weakness?
5. How can God sovereignly use our trials and problems as a witness and testimony to others around us? How does this motivate you as you navigate various trials?
6. How is a Christian's *present* shaped by their *future*? What effect should the knowledge of our future resurrection have on how we live in the here and now?



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7. How can we practically train and discipline our minds to focus on our future hope and not on our present circumstances? What effect will this have in our lives?
  
8. Read verse 16. What does it teach us about our outer selves? What does it teach us about our inner selves? Explain. How does this truth encourage you even as you think about the increasing weakness that comes with aging?
  
9. How is it that Paul can categorize the afflictions of life as “light” and “momentary” in verse 17? Explain.
  
10. How can we live life looking not to the things that are seen, but to the things that are unseen (v. 18)? Why ought we to learn to live life this way?