

POWER IN WEAKNESS: Learning To Live in the Triumph of Christ
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FBC MISSION: Seeking to honor God by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus who love, live and share Him.

October Memory Verse (2 Corinthians 1:5) For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

Introduction: 2 Corinthians 2:12-17

Big Idea: For the disciple of Jesus, the perspective of a _____ changes everything.

A _____ spirit will upend your life (12-13)

- Paul was experiencing break-through gospel movement (12)

- Paul was disturbed by a restless spirit (13)
-Understanding the causes of restless spirit:

A _____ spirit is found in a victorious Christ (14)

- 1 Cor. 2:14
 - But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.
- **θριαμβεύω** (thriambeuō), *triumph over*, used twice 2 Cor. 2:14; Colossians 2:15
- **Victorious Parade:**
 - **See Christ's _____**
 - **Realizes Christ is actively _____**
 - **Remembers Christ is at _____ around us**

A resurrected Jesus can put "the smell of victory" in the human soul (15-17)

Life Lessons:

- A restless spirit is part of the journey in a sin cursed world. The question is this: What will you do with it?
- Paul made the choice to be thankful and live daily fully aware of Christ's victory.
- A disciple of Jesus by design is meant to give off a fragrance from life to life.

Connect Card: Is your spirit restless or at rest?



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

WARM UP: Describe a restless spirit and its effect upon the human soul.

v. 12–13 Paul describes his struggle with a restless spirit. What does a restless spirit look like in one's life?

- Discuss the stark contrast between the turmoil of 12-13 & the confidence 14.

v. 14 Why do you think giving thanks is important in a believer's journey through life? (cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:17)

v. 14 Describes Christ as one who always leads us

- Why is the word "always" important?
- What is significant about him in front or leading us?
- What has Christ conquered for us?
 - John 14:27
 - John 15:18-19
 - 1 John 4:4
 - Ephesians 2:1-3
 - Colossians 2:15
 - Hebrews 2:14
 - 1 Corinthians 15:26
 - John 11:25-26
 - Revelations 21:3-4
- Spreading the "fragrance of him everywhere" brings what meaning to our lives?

v. 15-16 How do different people respond to the fragrance? (Read 1 Peter 2:6-8 for further insight)

vs. 17 How does Paul feel about his role and how does he approach it?

CLOSING PRAYER: Express to God your gratitude for Christ redeeming work on your behalf.