



March 3, 2024 | Pastor Keith Krell
2 Corinthians 4:7-15 | "From Death to Life"

Sermon Application Review from 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

What unbelievers did you pray for this past week (4:3-4)?

How did you preach Jesus as Lord (4:5)?

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 4:7-15

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Colossians 1:24-29

Galatians 2:19-21

Romans 6:1-11

Psalm 116:8-10

Study Questions

1. How does the analogy of "treasure in jars of clay" (4:7a) serve as an encouragement and warning for you? How can human weakness be an opportunity to manifest God's power (4:7b)? Which of your imperfections, scars, and challenges point to Christ's mercy, grace, and power? How has God used you during your most broken times to influence others?
2. When have you felt crushed, perplexed, persecuted, and struck down (4:8-9)? How can bearing afflictions be a way to make Christ visible in everyday life? Who do you know that has suffered persecution for Christ? In what specific ways does this believer inspire and motivate you?
3. What does it mean to carry about the dying of Jesus in your body (4:10)? Why would someone embrace a life and ministry characterized by such affliction? How can our daily dying lead to life for others (4:12)?
4. In what way do you regard the resurrection as both a future and present hope (4:14; cf. 1:9)? How have you experienced the resurrection life of Jesus? How have you carried forth the gospel into a hostile world? In what ways have you suffered for proclaiming it?
5. Where do you see the ongoing progress of the gospel evoking thanksgiving from more and more people (4:15)? Why do you think so many Christians have difficulty sharing what they believe?

Recommended Reading

Kenneth Berding, *How to Live an 'In Christ' Life: 100 Devotional Readings on Union With Christ* (Christian Focus, 2020)

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship* (MacMillan, 1979)

Randy Alcorn, *If God is Good: Faith in the Midst of Suffering and Evil* (Multnomah, 2014)

Timothy Keller, *Walking with God through Pain and Suffering* (Penguin, 2015)