



February 25, 2024 | Pastor Keith Krell
2 Corinthians 4:1-6 | "Out of the Darkness"

Sermon Application Review from 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

How did you experience a greater freedom in Christ this past week (3:17)?

How did you behold Jesus and experience greater transformation (3:18)?

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 4:1–6

1 Corinthians 2:14–16

1 Corinthians 4:1–5

1 Peter 5:1–4

Hebrews 4:12–13

Ephesians 2:1–9

John 1:1–13

Study Questions

1. What difficulties in life and ministry cause you to lose enthusiasm and want to give up (4:1)? In what ways are you too easily discouraged? How can you seek to remedy this tendency?
2. In what specific ways do people distort Scripture today (4:2)? How can you protect yourself and others from unbiblical teaching? What motives fuel your ministry? How authentic and transparent should ministry leaders be?
3. How responsible are unbelievers for their condition (4:3)? How do you prepare for the cosmic conflict? In light of ever-present spiritual warfare, how much compassion do you have when sharing your faith? When have you experienced the gospel shared with credibility and power? When have you seen it fall flat? Why is it so hard to leave the results to God when you share your faith?
4. How much do you talk about yourself (4:5)? How much of your communication emphasizes the Lordship of Christ? What does it look like to be servants to CBC for Jesus' sake? How can you grow in your role as a servant-leader?
5. What role did Christ's light play in your conversion (4:6)? How can you highlight the glory of Christ so that others become aware of His greatness and grace?

Recommended Reading

Colin G. Kruse, *New Testament Models for Ministry: Jesus and Paul* (Thomas Nelson, 1985)

Ajith Fernando, *Jesus Driven Ministry* (Crossway, 2002)

J. Oswald Sanders, *Spiritual Leadership* (Moody, 1967)

William F. Cook & Chuck Lawless, *Spiritual Warfare in the Storyline of Scripture: A Biblical, Theological, and Practical Approach* (B&H Academic, 2019)