



GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Don't Let the Devil Take You Back

Speaker: John Condon

Highlighted Scriptures

2 Corinthians 4:5–12 (NIV)

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body.

So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What personal struggles or reflections stood out to you from the speaker's message?**
- 2. When have you felt "hard pressed on every side" but still sustained by God's power?**

- 3. In what ways are you tempted to return to the “person you used to be”?**
- 4. What truth or promise from this passage can you lean on today to walk in newness of life?**
- 5. How can you encourage or pray for someone who may be “persecuted but not abandoned”?**

Reflection Challenge

- **Rest in God's Promises:** Take time today to pray and reflect on the assurance that God's light shines through your brokenness.
- **Guard Your Identity in Christ:** Ask God to help you resist the temptation to return to old habits or identities that no longer reflect who you are in Him.
- **Pray Over Your Legacy:** Like the speaker's heart for his children, pray for those who will carry on your legacy of faith.
- **Speak Life:** Share a verse or encouragement with someone who may be battling their past.

Prayer Prompt

Lord, help me to hold fast to the new creation You've made me to be. When I feel weak, remind me that Your power is made perfect in my weakness. Keep me from going back to the person I once was. Let Your light shine in my heart, and through my life, for Your glory. Strengthen me to persevere — hard pressed but not crushed, struck down but never destroyed. In Jesus' name, amen.

