

:: Read: 2 Cor. 4:13-17

:: This text continues what we looked at last week. In that text we looked at being cracked pots, hard pressed but not crushed. In verse 17 Paul uses the words "for momentary, light affliction." I like to translate that as a "Temporary inconvenience." Share a recent "temporary inconvenience" you have encountered in the last year.

:: Explore and Discuss

Question: How we measure "inconvenience" varies often. What factors go into how different people see an "inconvenience"?

Question: Could an argument be made that all troubles, no matter how large they may seem to us, are "momentary, light afflictions"?

Question: How would faith in the good news of Jesus Christ change how someone sees the afflictions in their life?

:: Apply it to Your Life

Question: What is the text calling the believer to "do" in understanding the truth of this text?

Question: What help do you need to accomplish this?

:: Pray:

Lord Jesus, thank you for the grace given to us, and help us to live into your mercies daily as we encounter our "temporary inconveniences" of life. Father we know through the death and resurrection of your Son we can share in His eternal glory. May we glorify you in all things, in our celebrations and our troubles, so that others may come to witness the Truth that we worship. In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ...Amen.

:: Notes

