

Message: *This Changes Everything- God Can Use Anybody*

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Give yourselves completely to God – every part of you – because you’ve been brought from death to life, and now you want to be used by God for good, and for his righteous purposes.

Romans 6:13

PAUL’S SECRETS OF STAYING USABLE

NEVER FORGET- IT’S ALL BECAUSE OF GOD’S MERCY

God in His mercy has given us this ministry and work to do. That’s why we do not become discouraged and never give up. 2 Corinthians 4:1

You know what I was like . . . how I violently persecuted Christians. I did my best to get rid of them . . . But then something happened. For it pleased God in his kindness to choose me and call me, even before I was born. What undeserved mercy. Galatians 1:13-15

It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others. Ephesians 2:10

BE REAL

We don’t try to trick anyone, and we don’t twist the word of God. Instead we teach the truth plainly, showing everyone who we really are. Then they can know in their hearts what kind of people we are in God’s sight. 2 Corinthians 4:2

The Spirit we received does not make us slaves again to fear; it makes us children of God.
Romans 8:15

REMEMBER- IT’S NOT ABOUT ME

Our message is not about ourselves. It is about Jesus Christ as the Lord. We are merely your servants for Jesus’ sake. 2 Corinthians 4:5

We are like clay jars in which this treasure is stored. The real power comes from God and not from us. 2 Corinthians 4:7

USE MY PAIN TO HELP OTHERS

All of these sufferings of ours are for your benefit. 2 Corinthians 4:15

This is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are quite small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever! 2 Corinthians 4:16-17

STAY FOCUSED ON ETERNITY

These little troubles are getting us ready for an eternal glory that will make all our troubles seem like nothing. 2 Corinthians 4:17

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:18