2 Corinthians 4:7-15 **"Finding God When You Can't Feel Anything"**

Attention:
Life can be indiscriminate at times. It can knock the wind out of the already struggling person. I urge you to hold on and watch God visit you.

Need:
When you go through problems, those who overcome them become powerful after they endure. Christ is manifesting His glory through you, as the Father did Jesus on the cross.

1. **Have a Resolute Attitude—Indestructible** (v. 8-12).
    a. Somebody hurt you, so you gave up and became bitter.
        i. You stopped letting people get close, becoming a lone ranger.
        ii. You stopped talking about what Jesus was doing.
        iii. You stopped telling people what you were believing God for.
            1. Troubled—Hard-pressed: illustrate a keystone arch or submarine.
            2. Perplexed—Bewildered: sometimes you must rely on God; seed.
            3. Persecuted—Put to flight: to be harassed or oppressed.
            4. Knocked down—Cause to suffer greatly. Knocked down but not out.
                a. *"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."* (Eph. 6:10–11).
    b. We experience Jesus' power through trials.
        i. *"That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,"* (Philippians 3:10, NKJV).
        ii. Know—*ginosko*: to know by experience through observation.
            1. *"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.""* (Acts 1:8, NKJV).
            2. "*And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?""* (Mark 5:30, NKJV).
    c. David faced severe threats and accusations—he was at the point of giving up.
        i. *"I would have fainted, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living" (Psalm 27:13).*
        ii. You can't be filled with the Holy Ghost and constantly complaining/worrying.
    d. When you shut down your ability to feel pain, you may also shut down your ability to experience joy, intimacy, compassion, and spiritual direction.
        i. You no longer feel guidance from the Spirit of God.
        ii. *"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds him*

with His hand. I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread." (Psalm 37:23–25).

e. Now is not the time to fell God but to seek Him and fill His temple.

2. Resilient—Ability to Bounce Back (v. 13-15).

a. A rough period that brought no relief caused you to drift.
   i. To drift means to be carried/driven by currents.
   ii. *"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."* (Romans 8:38–39).

b. When you are determined, God's favor will go with you.
   i. You can come back from anything.
   ii. "When you pass through the waters, I *will be* with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you." (Isaiah 43:2, NKJV).

c. You can come back from anything that has knocked you down.
   i. *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* (Philippians 4:13).

d. Speak life to your situation.