

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

New Testament for Everyone

Treasure in earthenware pots

7 But we have this treasure in earthenware pots, so that the extraordinary quality of the power may belong to God, not to us. **8** We are under all kinds of pressure, but we are not crushed completely; we are at a loss, but not at our wits' end; **9** we are persecuted, but not abandoned; we are cast down, but not destroyed. **10** We always carry the death of Jesus about in the body, so that the life of Jesus may be revealed in our body. **11** Although we are still alive, you see, we are always being given over to death because of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be revealed in our mortal humanity. **12** So this is how it is: death is at work in us—but life in you!

The God of all comfort

13 We have the same spirit of faith as you see in what is written, "I believed, and so I spoke." We too believe, and so we speak, **14** because we know that the God who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us with Jesus and present us with you. **15** It's all because of you, you see! The aim is that, as grace abounds through the thanksgiving of more

and more people, it will overflow to God's glory.

16 For this reason we don't lose heart. Even if our outer humanity is decaying, our inner humanity is being renewed day by day. **17** This slight momentary trouble of ours is working to produce a weight of glory, passing and surpassing everything, lasting forever; **18** for we don't look at the things that can be seen, but at the things that can't be seen. After all, the things you can see are here today and gone tomorrow; but the things you can't see are everlasting.

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