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Sermon Series: Acts: The Movement Begins

Sermon Title: Don't Give Up

Passage: 2 Corinthians 4:7-11, 16-18

Main Point: You are at your strongest when you rely on God's strength.

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Underdog stories have two elements:

1. Disadvantaged position
2. Determination to overcome the odds

We all love a great underdog story. That is, we love underdog stories until we are the underdog!

LIVING QUESTION: How do you find the strength to face an insurmountable obstacle?

2 Corinthians 4:7

Now we have this treasure in clay jars, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us.

2 Corinthians 4:8

We are afflicted in every way but not crushed; we are perplexed but not in despair;

2 Corinthians 4:9

we are persecuted but not abandoned; we are struck down but not destroyed.

Jars of Clay:

- are made from dirt - so were humans.
- are fragile and easily broken - humans are easily broken, bruised, and worn down.
- are made by hand - "Yet LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we all are the work of your hands." Isaiah 64:8

MAIN POINT: You are at your strongest when you rely on God's strength.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Therefore we do not give up. Even though our outer person is being destroyed, our inner person is being renewed day by day. For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory. So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.