

Is this worth it?

2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Therefore, since we have this ministry because we were shown mercy, **we do not give up**. 2 Instead, we have renounced secret and shameful things, not acting deceitfully or distorting the word of God, but commending ourselves before God to everyone's conscience by an **open display of the truth**. 3 But if our **gospel is veiled**, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case, the god of this age has **blinded the minds** of the unbelievers to keep them from seeing the **light of the gospel** of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For we are not proclaiming ourselves but Jesus Christ as **Lord**, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus's sake. 6 For God who said, **"Let light shine out of darkness."** has shone in our hearts to give the light of the **knowledge** of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

(First line comes up first, and then each line come up one at a time)

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- **Breaks** the power of sin
- **Creates** new life in us

Romans 1:16

For I am not **ashamed** of the gospel, because it is the **power of God for salvation** to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek

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Colossians 1:25-27

I have become **its** servant, according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the **word of God fully known**. 26 the mystery **hidden** for ages and generations but now **revealed** to his saints. 27 God wanted to make known among the Gentiles the **glorious wealth** of this mystery, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**.

2 Corinthians 4:7-9

Now we have this **treasure in clay jars**, so that this extraordinary power may be **from God** and **not from us**. 8 We are afflicted in every way but not crushed; we are perplexed but not in despair; 9 we are persecuted but not abandoned; we are struck down but not destroyed.

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God gets more glory when He works through our **weaknesses**, rather than our **strengths**

God gets more glory when our lives can only be **explained** by adding God to the **equation**

2 Corinthians 4:10-15

We always carry the **death** of Jesus in our body, so that the **life** of Jesus may also be displayed in our body. 11 For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus's sake, so that Jesus's life may also be displayed in our mortal flesh. 12 So then, death is at work in **us**, but life in **you**. 13 And since we have the same spirit of faith in keeping with what is written, I believed, therefore I spoke, we also believe, and therefore speak. 14 For we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you. 15 Indeed, everything is for **your benefit** so that, as grace extends through **more and more people**, it may cause thanksgiving to **increase** to **the glory of God**.

Our trials are sometimes about impacting **someone else's** life as much as they are about us experiencing God **ourselves**

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. 17 For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal **weight of glory**. 18 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.

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