

THRIVING



IN THE WORD . IN PRAYER . IN FELLOWSHIP

“Trust is the firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability and strength in someone or something. In these past 18 months, many difficult trials have unfolded for us here in America and around the world. The reality is, every generation of Christians have experienced great difficulty while awaiting Christ's return. The passage we are looking at this week was written by the Apostle Paul through the power of the Spirit of God. He wrote these words so that we might trust in God's power, while we see what He said will happen, actually happen. Every generation of Christian has gone to this passage for strength to live out God's purpose, and faith to die with confidence. May God greatly encourage you as we all work through how trustworthy Jesus is and will be.”— Pastor Matt

"All God's giants have been weak people who did great things for God because they reckoned on God being with them... trusting His word."— J. Hudson Taylor

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

Treasure in Clay Jars

⁷ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹⁶ 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.

1. What stands out to you in this passage?
2. What does this passage teach us about God?
3. What does this passage teach us about Man?
4. How does this passage help you in trusting your Savior?