

TITLE | On Losing Heart
SERIES | Beyond Our Strength
TEXT | 2 Corinthians 4:1-6
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2 Corinthians 4:1 Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. 2 But we have renounced disaraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. 3 And even if our gospel is veiled. it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case the god of this world 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 what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' 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 the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ESV

BIG IDEA:

SERMON NOTES

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For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Are there times when living the Christian life does not produce the outcomes you hoped for? If so, how does it make you feel?

Tuesday:

Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-6. Specifically, how does this text support the idea of living in humble integrity before God, leaving the results to him.

Wednesday:

Why do you think it is so hard for us to leave results to God?

Thursday:

In what ways might you be tempted to lose heart right now? How can you apply the principles from 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 to your situation?

Friday:

Do you think living the Christian life is worth the trouble? Why or why not?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, I am so grateful for the light shone in my heart, that you love me that much to bring me out of darkness and to give me the privilege of reflecting your glory to others. Help me to live with humble integrity, leaving the results to you. Amen.