

**WEDNESDAY EVENING
BIBLE STUDY**

OPEN YOUR BIBLE TO:
2 CORINTHIANS 4

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Since We Have This Ministry

When Paul considered the fact that he was a minister of Jesus Christ, he was overwhelmed by the grace and mercy of God. His positive attitude toward the ministry had some practical consequences in his life.

Warren Wiersbe, Wiersbe Bible Commentary

1. We Do Not Lose Heart Over Rejection (v1-4)

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Understanding Satan's strategy with unbelievers should affect how we pray for the lost. We should ask God to shine His light, to bind the blinding of Satan, and to give faith to overcome the unbelief.

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

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Often, people love it when the preacher preaches himself. It is revealing, it seems intimate, and it is often entertaining. But the bottom line is that the preacher himself can't bring you to God and save your eternal soul; only Jesus can.

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No Christian should ever complain to God because of his lack of gifts or abilities, or because of his limitations or handicaps. Our very genetic structure is in the hands of God. Each of us must accept himself and be himself.

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Everything Paul says about suffering, he says as a man who has probably suffered more than you, or more than anyone you will ever meet! This was not theory to Paul, but real life experience.

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While Christ's ministers suffer because of their testimony for the Savior, those to whom they minister experience new and greater spiritual life because of those ministers' faithfulness. The more faithful Paul and his companions remained to God's will the more they suffered and the more the Corinthians prospered spiritually.

Thomas Constable, Expository Notes Of Dr. Constable

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Psalm 116

8 For You have delivered my soul from death, My eyes from tears, And my feet from falling. 9 I will walk before the LORD In the land of the living. 10 I believed, therefore I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted." 11 I said in my haste, "All men are liars." 12 What shall I render to the LORD For all His benefits toward me?

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Even if one were to live for a hundred years and suffer every day of their lives, by the measure of eternity, it is but for a moment.

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Affliction is not something to be endured in order to reach glory. It is the very process which creates the glory. Through travail comes birth. Through suffering comes the triumph. Through dying comes the living.

G. Campbell Morgan, Expositions On The Bible

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