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1. Don't Lose Heart Over Unappreciated Service To God **(v1-6)**

2 Corinthians 5

NKJV

12 For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have an answer for those who boast in appearance and not in heart.

2 Corinthians 6

NKJV

4 But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses,

2 Corinthians 10

NKJV

12 For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

18 For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends.

2 Corinthians 12

NKJV

11 I have become a fool in boasting; you have compelled me. For I ought to have been commended by you; for in nothing was I behind the most eminent apostles, though I am nothing.

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The way you look at your ministry helps to determine how you will fulfill it.

If you look on serving Christ as a burden instead of a privilege, you will be a drudge and do only what is required of you. Some people even look on service as a punishment from God.

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Who is worthy to be a “container” for God’s light and glory? The smartest person isn’t smart enough, the purest person isn’t pure enough, the most spiritual person isn’t spiritual enough, and most talented person isn’t talented enough. We are all just clay pots holding an unspeakably great treasure!

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F. B. Meyer, Through The Bible Day By Day

Paul here confesses that he was troubled, perplexed, persecuted, and cast down, always bearing the scars of Jesus, and being perpetually delivered over to death.

But he gratefully accepted all these disabilities because he knew that they gave greater opportunities to Jesus to show forth, through him, his resurrection power.

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3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.

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Psalms 73

NKJV

2 But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; My steps had nearly slipped.

3 For I was envious of the boastful,
When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4 For there are no pangs in their death, But their strength is firm.

Tony Evans, The Tony Evans Bible Commentary

Paul speaks of our bodies as clay jars, fragile containers made from earth. On our best days, then, we're just dignified dirt. But the weakness of such humble vessels is set in sharp contrast to their valuable and supernatural contents.

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3. Don't Lose Heart Over Suffering That Brings Glory To Jesus **(v11-15)**

Psalm 116

NKJV

3 The pains of death surrounded me, And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow.

4 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I implore You, deliver my soul!"

5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; Yes, our God is merciful.

6 The Lord preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me.

Psalm 116

NKJV

7 Return to your rest, O my soul, For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

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.”

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Here is the irony. The Corinthian Christians despised Paul because of his great sufferings, and because of what they thought was their great lives of “victory.” But they did not see that their lives of victory were only made possible because God had made Paul such an effective servant through suffering!

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David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

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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G. Campbell Morgan, Exposition on the Whole Bible

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.

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