

2 Corinthians 4

Faith in a covid world

Verses 1-6 Don't lose heart when evangelism is hard

How does Paul describe the reality of being a Christian, v6? Why is that such a wonderful thing in the light of v4?

How does grasping these truths affect what Paul does and doesn't do (v5 and v1-2)?

In a world where there is either hostility or apathy towards the gospel of Jesus, can you think of ways in which we might be tempted to distort the word of God or use shameful ways or preach ourselves?

What are the encouragements in these verses that might help us?

Verses 7-12 Don't lose heart in the face of suffering

Having God's light shining into our hearts and knowing his glory sounds wonderful, but what are the surprises in how that works out in v7-12?

Why does God choose to do things in this way according to these verses?

How does all this make you feel?

Verses 13-18 Don't lose heart – we have an eternal hope

In the light of all of this, why does Paul not lose heart

A) in his ministry, v13-15?

B) through his troubles, v16-18?

Thinking it through

How would you summarise the challenges and glories of the Christian life from these verses?

In what ways has this chapter encouraged you?