

## **2 Corinthians 4 - Keep Pressing**

Big Idea: Our ministry finds its source in and is sustained by the mercy of God and the audacity of resurrection hope.

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### **The Source & Substance of our Ministry**

**4:1 Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God...**

**Verse 5...For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord...**

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### **The Sustaining Power of our Ministry**

**4:7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.**

**4:8-9 - We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.**

**4:13 - Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak**

**Psalm 116:1-9 - I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!" Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful. The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I will**

**walk before the LORD in the land of the living. I believed, even when I spoke: “I am greatly afflicted”**

**2 Cor 4:14 - knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.**

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### **The Steadfast Hope for our Ministry**

**4:16 - So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.**

**4:17 - For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.**