

UNBREAKABLE *but Broken*

BY GRACE

2 Corinthians 4:1 – 18

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MESSAGE NOTES

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*Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another ...
— 2 Corinthians 3:15 – 18 (ESV)*

- In Christ we have unbreakable hope in broken circumstances.

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; — 2 Corinthians 4:8 – 9 (ESV)

*... always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.
— 2 Corinthians 4:10 (ESV)*

*So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.
— 2 Corinthians 4:16 (ESV)*

- In Christ we have unbreakable grace in broken people.

For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. — 2 Corinthians 4:15 (ESV)

*For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read 2 Corinthians 4:1 — What are some times in life where you have lost heart and how has God met you in them?
- Read 2 Corinthians 4:7 — What are some ways that God works through broken and difficult circumstances?
- Why does the Bible say we are “jars of clay” and what is God wanting to fill us with? What does it mean that through Christ we are “Unbreakable but Broken”?
- Why does the Apostle Paul say, “We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed...” (2 Corinthians 4:8 – 9)? How does knowing Christ make you unbreakable?
- Pastor Jon shared a story about Charlie and Lucy Wedemeyer. Read the quote from Charlie and Lucy below and share what God is teaching you through 2 Corinthians 4.
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- Talk about some of the people in your life that you want to see reached for Christ and take some time to pray for them.