

down... but not out!

2 Corinthians 4:5-11

5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.
7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

8 **We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;**
9 **persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.**

10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

11 For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body.

We are...

- ✓ **pressed** – "We are hard pressed on every side..."
- ✓ **persecuted** – "We are...persecuted..."
- ✓ **punched and pummeled** – "We are...struck down..."
- ✓ **perplexed** – "We are...perplexed..."

But not...

- ✓ **flattened** – "but not crushed...but not destroyed."
- ✓ **forsaken** – "...but not abandoned..."
- ✓ **faithless** – "...but not in despair..."

We will...

- ✓ **GRAB onto GOD** – "...this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us."
- ✓ **GET up and GO** – "We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus..."
- ✓ **GIVE GLORY to GOD** – "...for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed..."