

WEEK 4 | FAVOR WITH MAN | 2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-12

Inspection – "What does it say?"

What two things did Paul say we should renounce in our lives? (Verse 2)Who is blinding the minds of the unbelievers? (Verse 4)According to verse 6, from where does light come?What was the treasure in earthen vessels? (verse 7)What four challenges did Paul say we face in verses 8-9?

Observation – "What does it mean?"

How should God's mercy for you affect your relationship with others? Because motives matter, what observation does Paul make in verse 2? How do Ephesians 6:12 and 2 Corinthians 4:4 identify the challenge for believers? Why is it important not to trust our feelings during hardship? How does Paul's mention of our "mortal body" in verse 11 impact our witness to others?

Life Application – "What does it mean for me?"

Identify areas in your life that you behave more like a Pharisee than a follower of Jesus. Consider how God can use your interests, talents, and work to build His kingdom. Read Ephesians 6:10-20 and consider how you do this each day.

Memorize 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 this week.

Make a blessings jar and write out a blessing each day for a month and place it in the jar.

Meditation – "What does God say?"

1 Peter 3:15Ephesians 4:29Colossians 3:23Romans 1:16Romans 12:11Philippians 2:152 Timothy 1:81 Corinthians 10:31

Supplication: What Can We Meditate?

Make Me a Blessing

Out in the highways and byways of life, Many are weary and sad; Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife, Making the sorrowing glad.

Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love, Tell of His pow'r to forgive; Others will trust Him if only you prove True, ev'ry moment you live.

Give as 'twas given to you in your need, Love as the Master loved you; Be to the helpless a helper indeed, Unto your mission be true.

Make me a blessing, make me a blessing. Out of my life may Jesus shine; Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray. Make me a blessing to someone today.

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