

COURAGE FOR YOUR MINISTRY: Learning from the Patterns of Paul (2 Corinthians 4 and 5)

- I. God is in This — So Don't Give Up!** (2 Corinthians 4: 1-6)
We have a Great Ministry by God's Mercy; therefore, we do not lose heart
- II. God Will Keep Us Forever — So Don't Give Up!** (2 Corinthians 4:6-18)
We have a Victorious Ministry; therefore, we do not lose heart
- III. Our Longings Will Be Met — So Keep Looking Up!** (2 Corinthians 5:1-9)
We have a Confident Ministry; therefore, we walk by faith

We have a Confident Ministry (1 Corinthians 5:1-8)


A. Our Future _____ (5:1)

– We **KNOW** we will receive a **New Body**

 **2 Corinthians 5:1** For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.


B. Our Current _____ (5:2-4)

– We **LONG** to Receive our **New Body**

 **2 Corinthians 5:2-4** For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, 3 if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. 4 For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.

C. Our Present _____ (5:5-8)

– It is **God's Design** for us to **Know** about our **Future Body** and **Long** for it

 **2 Corinthians 5:5** Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

Our Temporary _____ (vs. 6) — “*absent from the Lord*”

Our Daily _____ (vs. 7) — “*...we walk by faith...*”


Our Approaching _____ (vs. 8) — “*to be present with the Lord*”

IV. We Have an Audience of One — So Don't Get Distracted!


(2 Corinthians 5:9-11)

We have a **COMPELLING Ministry**; therefore, we persuade men

A. Our Chosen _____ (5:9) — “...we make our aim...”

 **2 Corinthians 5:9** Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent to be well pleasing to Him.

B. Our Future _____ (5:10) — “...for we must all appear...”


 **2 Corinthians 5:10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad

1. The _____ — “For”
2. The _____ — “we must”
3. The _____ — “all”
4. The _____ — “appear”
5. The _____ — “before the judgment seat of Christ”
6. The _____ — “that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

The Judgment Seat of Christ, a place of —

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- _____

C. Our Present _____ (5:11) — “...we persuade men...”

 **2 Corinthians 5: 11** Knowing, therefore, the terror [fear – Proverbs 1:7; 9:10] of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

1. A Respectful _____ (5:11a) — “Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord”
2. A Faithful _____ (5:11b) — “we persuade men”
3. A Steadfast _____ (5:11c) — “we are well known to God”