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 <u>Great Ministry by God's Mercy</u>; 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 <u>Victorious Ministry</u>; therefore, we do not lose heart
- III. Our Longings Will Be Met So Keep Looking Up! (2 Corinthians 5:1-9) We have a <u>Confident Ministry</u>; 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.
 - \Box Our Temporary _____ (vs. 6) "absent from the Lord"
 - \Box Our Daily _____ (vs. 7) "...we walk by faith..."
 - \Box Our Approaching _____ (vs. 8) "to be present with the Lord"

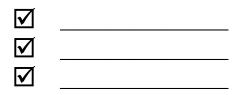
IV. We Have an Audience of One — So Don't Get Distracted!

(2 Corinthians 5:9-11)

We have a **<u>COMPELLING Ministry</u>**; 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
 - The _______ "For"
 The _______ "we must"
 The _______ "all"
 The _______ "appear"
 The _______ "before the judgment seat of Christ"
 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 —



- **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"