

THE STRUGGLE IS REAL

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WARM UP QUESTION: What is the most expensive item you have ever purchased from a store? How did the seller or shipper package it so that it wouldn't get damaged?

READ: 2 Corinthians 4:7-11

FOCUS: God's glory can shine through our suffering.

OBSERVE:

- Paul says we have the light of God's truth, power, and presence placed inside our fragile human lives, like treasures in jars of clay. When we continue to have joy and love while we suffer, the power is from God and not us. It becomes the very means by which we are able to testify to the glory of God.
- Paul's encouragement is that we do not need to fear suffering. When the power and presence of God and the truth of the gospel are alive in us, we will actually shine with glory. That glory is God's supernatural endorsement. It can be seen and felt by others, becoming a sign and a wonder to the world around us.
- We respond by clinging to the truth and presence of God in us when we suffer, and by staying on mission when we endure suffering.

DISCUSS:

- What stood out to you, or what did the Holy Spirit bring to your attention?
- Consider a time when you experienced hardship. How does Paul's encouragement help you to see that experience in a different way?
- How do you feel the Spirit promoting you to respond differently to suffering?

TAKE ACTION:

- Consider ways in which your past or present suffering helps you better to serve those in your community and then act on it.
- In your life group or discipleship class, share ways in which you are currently experiencing hardship, and then reflect on how you see God is working through it.

PRAY: Father, thank you for using us in our suffering to display your glory. Please allow us to see our circumstances from your perspective and help us to stay on mission even as we suffer. In Jesus' name we pray, amen!