

# The Commissioned Life Wrapped in a Jar of Clay

Building His Church—The Commission Wall: Part 3

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## 2 Corinthians 4

4:2-6 — The Commissioned Life has the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in this world...

v. 1 *Therefore, since through God's mercy **we have this ministry**, we do not lose heart.*

4:7-9 — ...and yet this Commissioned Life is a fragile \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

v. 7 *But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.*

3 ways we react when we realize how important this message is:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

4:10-12 — The fragile Commissioned Life, therefore, reveals the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

v. 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.*

4:13-15 — In the end, the Commissioned Life brings \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

v. 15 *...so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.*

4:16-18 — The Commissioned Life stays focused on the \_\_\_\_\_.

v. 18 *So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*



## Digging Deeper

*(for group study and conversation, and for personal reflection)*

### Looking Back: A reminder to the group of what we are doing these days

*(10 minutes)*

What are the 4 walls when we **Build His Church**? List the walls and the significance of each.

1

2

3

4

We are learning about the Commissioned Life. Remind the group of what the Greek word “*martus*” means in regard to the 4th wall of His Church. (Look back on the last 2 Sundays if needed.)

### Today’s Study: 2 Corinthians 4

As a group, read 2 Corinthians 4 again out loud. Work together to highlight some of the applications that become clear, and discuss them together. *(15 minutes)*

**Discuss:** How can this verse be true? *(10 minutes)*

- *But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 1 Corinthians 4:7 (NIV)*

Discuss as a group how you can easily fall into one of the three ways we react to having “eternal treasure wrapped in a jar of clay.” *(10 minutes)*

**Examine 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.** Discuss how to stay focused on the eternal things while still living in a temporal world. *(10 minutes)*

Finish your time together today by reading—one more time, out loud—2 Corinthians 4. *(5 minutes)*