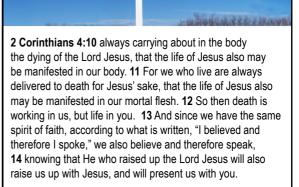


2 Corinthians 4:5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. 6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.
8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—



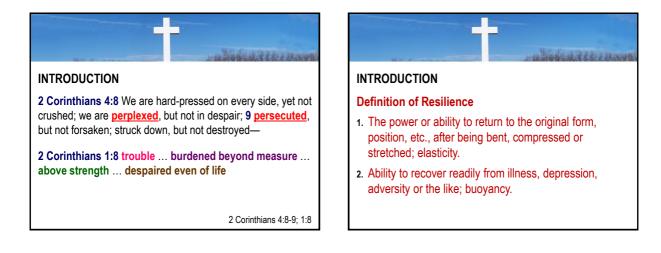


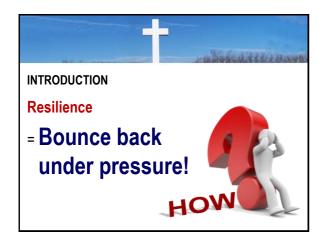
2 Corinthians 4:15 For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God. 16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

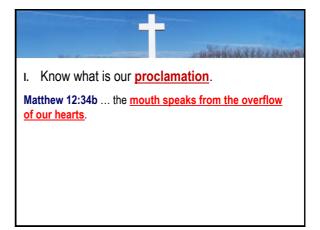


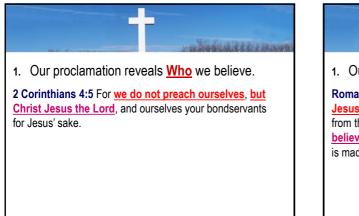
## **Running With Horses** - Questions for Reflection:

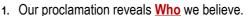
- Who are the "footmen" who wearies you in your life and ministry?
- 2. What are the "horses" the Lord wants you to run with?
- **3.** What should we be doing in our "land of peace" to prepare for the "flooding of the Jordan"?











Romans 10:9 that if you <u>confess</u> with your <u>mouth the Lord</u> <u>Jesus</u> and <u>believe</u> in your <u>heart</u> that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the <u>heart</u> one <u>believes</u> unto righteousness, and with the <u>mouth confession</u> is made unto salvation.

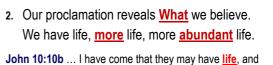
Romans 10:9-10



2. Our proclamation reveals <u>What</u> we believe.

1 Corinthians 1:30 But of Him you are in <u>Christ Jesus</u>, who became for us <u>wisdom</u> from God—and <u>righteousness</u> and <u>sanctification</u> and <u>redemption</u>—

- A. Righteousness Right standing with God.
- B. Sanctification Growing into Christ-likeness.
- **c.** Redemption Awaiting the **resurrected body**.
- c. Redemption Awaiting the resurrected body



that they may have it more abundantly.

Who and what we believe increases as we <u>know</u> and <u>experience</u> God.
 Peter 1:2 <u>Grace and peace</u> be yours <u>in abundance</u> through the <u>knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord</u>. 3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our <u>knowledge of him</u> who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious <u>promises</u>, so that through them you may <u>participate in the divine nature</u> and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. (NIV) <u>2 Peter 1:24</u>







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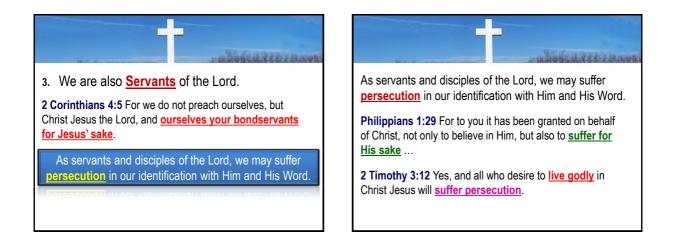
Luke 9:23 Then he said to them all: "If <u>anyone would</u> <u>come after me</u>, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. (NIV)

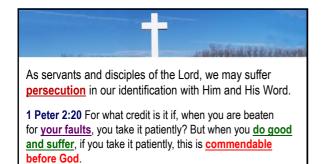


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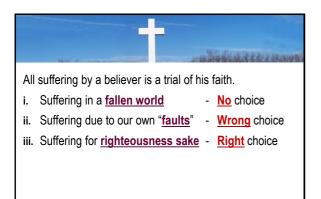
- A. As disciples, we deny our self-life.
- B. We take up our own cross daily.
- **c.** In following Jesus, we hold tightly to the <u>Word</u> of God and the <u>Holy</u> Spirit.
- **D.** Other than the Word and the Holy Spirit, we hold everyone and everything in life <u>loosely</u>.



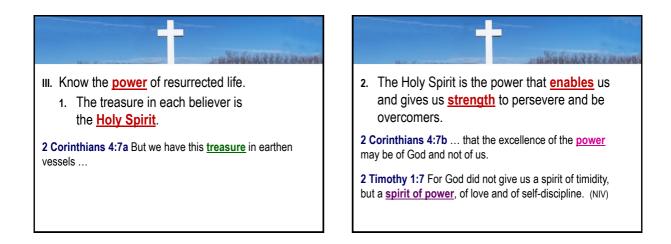




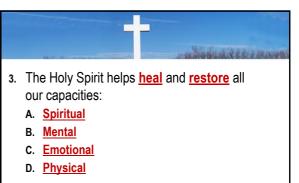
1 Peter 4:13 but rejoice to the extent that you <u>partake</u> of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. 15 But let none of you <u>suffer as a murderer</u>, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. 16 Yet if anyone <u>suffers as a Christian</u>, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.







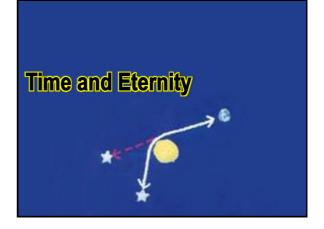


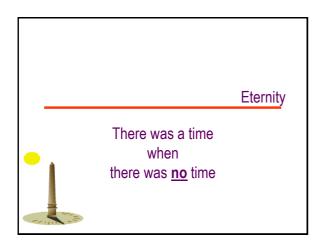


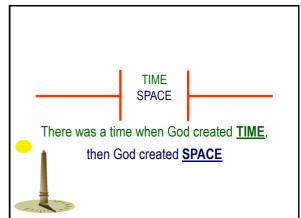
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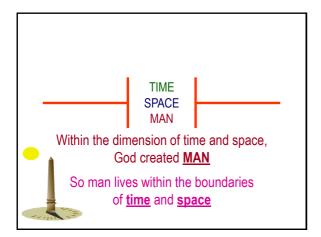
2 Corinthians 4:18 So we fix our eyes not on what is <u>seen</u>, but on what is <u>unseen</u>. For what is <u>seen is temporary</u>, but what is <u>unseen is eternal</u>. (NIV)

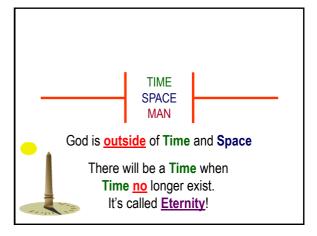
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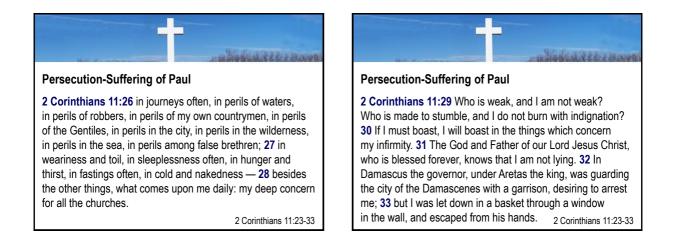
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2 Corinthians 4:16-17



above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. 24 From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep;

2 Corinthians 11:23-33







## The Story of Jacob

Genesis 37:31 So they took Joseph's tunic, killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the tunic in the blood. 32 Then they sent the tunic of many colors, and they brought it to their father and said, "We have found this. Do you know whether it is your son's tunic or not?" 33 And he recognized it and said, "It is my son's tunic. A wild beast has devoured him. Without doubt Joseph is torn to pieces."

Genesis 37:31-35

## The Story of Jacob

**Genesis 37:34** Then Jacob tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for his son many days. **35** And all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and he said, "For I shall go down into the grave to my son in mourning." Thus his father wept for him.

Genesis 37:31-35

