


INTRODUCTION

2 Corinthians 4:8 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 1:8 **trouble ... burdened beyond measure ... above strength ... despaired even of life**


2 Corinthians 4:8-9; 1:8



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Definition of Resilience


1. The power or ability to return to the original form, position, etc., after being bent, compressed or stretched; elasticity.
2. Ability to recover readily from illness, depression, adversity or the like; buoyancy.



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Resilience

= **Bounce back under pressure!**


1. Know what is our **proclamation**.

Matthew 12:34b ... the **mouth speaks from the overflow of our hearts**.



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

Romans 10:9-10




2. Our proclamation reveals **What** we believe.

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


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

С: **праведности** - **святости** и **воскресения тела**




2. Our proclamation reveals **What** we believe.
 We have life, **more** life, more **abundant** life.

John 10:10b ... I have come that they may have **life**, and that they may have it **more abundantly**.



3. Who and what we believe increases as we **know** and **experience** God.


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



4. We grow in our **Spirit** of Faith as we **speak** what we believe.

2 Corinthians 4:13 And since we have the same **spirit of faith**, according to what is written, "I **believed** and therefore I **spoke**," we also **believe** and therefore **speak** ...


2 Corinthians 1:20 For no matter how many **promises** God has made, they are "**Yes**" **in Christ**. And so through him the "**Amen**" **is spoken by us to the glory of God**. (NIV)



II. Know what is our **posture** in life.


1. We are **Children** of God.

John 1:12 But those who did welcome him, those who believed in his name, he authorized to become **God's children**.




2. We are **disciples** of Christ.

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



2. We are **disciples** of Christ.


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



2. We are **disciples** of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:3b ... no one can say that **Jesus is Lord [Master]** except by the Holy Spirit.


Colossians 1:18 **Matthew 6:33**



3. We are also **Servants** of the Lord.

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Philippians 1:29 For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to **suffer for His sake** ...

2 Timothy 3:12 Yes, and all who desire to **live godly** in Christ Jesus will **suffer persecution**.



As servants and disciples of the Lord, we may suffer **persecution** in our identification with Him and His Word.

1 Peter 2:20 For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for **your faults**, you take it patiently? But when you **do good and suffer**, if you take it patiently, this is **commendable before God**.



1 Peter 4:13 but rejoice to the extent that you **partake 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 **suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters**. **16** Yet if anyone **suffers as a Christian**, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

1 Peter 4:13-16



All suffering by a believer is a trial of his faith.

- i. Suffering in a **fallen world** - **No** choice
- ii. Suffering due to our own "**faults**" - **Wrong** choice
- iii. Suffering for **righteousness sake** - **Right** choice



4. We are members of the **Body** of Christ.

We must belong to a **community**.

- A. **Accountability** and Covering (A&C)
- B. **Praying** and Communicating (P&C)



iii. Know the **power** of resurrected life.

1. The treasure in each believer is the **Holy Spirit**.

2 Corinthians 4:7a But we have this **treasure** in earthen vessels ...



2. The Holy Spirit is the power that **enables** us and gives us **strength** to persevere and be overcomers.

2 Corinthians 4:7b ... that the excellence of the **power** may be of God and not of us.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a **spirit of power**, of love and of self-discipline. (NIV)




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- A. John 14:16-17 - Our **Companion**
- B. John 16:13 - Spirit of **Truth**
- C. Ephesians 1:17 - Spirit of Wisdom and **Revelation**
- D. Romans 1:4 - Spirit of **Holiness**
- E. Isaiah 11:2 - **7-Fold** Spirit of the Lord



3. The Holy Spirit helps **heal** and **restore** all our capacities:


- A. **Spiritual**
- B. **Mental**
- C. **Emotional**
- D. **Physical**



IV. Have an eternal **perspective** always in every circumstance and situation.


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

Time and Eternity




Eternity

There was a time when there was **no** time



TIME
SPACE


There was a time when God created **TIME**, then God created **SPACE**



TIME
SPACE
MAN

Within the dimension of time and space, God created **MAN**


So man lives within the boundaries of **time** and **space**



TIME
SPACE
MAN

God is **outside** of **Time** and **Space**

There will be a **Time** when **Time** **no** longer exist. It's called **Eternity!**





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2 Corinthians 4:16 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** ...

2 Corinthians 4:16-17



Persecution-Suffering of Paul

2 Corinthians 11:23 Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes 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



Persecution-Suffering of Paul

2 Corinthians 11:26 in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; **27** in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness — **28** besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.

2 Corinthians 11:23-33



Persecution-Suffering of Paul

2 Corinthians 11:29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation? **30** If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity. **31** The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. **32** In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; **33** but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. 2 Corinthians 11:23-33



Persecution-Suffering of Paul

Philippians 3:10

that I may **know Him** and the **power of His resurrection**, and the **fellowship of His sufferings**, being conformed to His death ...



The Story of David in Ziklag [1 Samuel 30]

1 Samuel 30:6 Now David was **greatly distressed**, for the **people spoke of stoning him**, because the soul of all the people was **grieved**, every man for his sons and his daughters. But **David strengthened himself in the Lord his God**.



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



The Story of Jacob

Genesis 45:25 Then they went up out of Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan to Jacob their father. **26** And they told him, saying, "Joseph is still alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt." And **Jacob's heart stood still, because he did not believe them.**

Genesis 45:25-28



The Story of Jacob

Genesis 45:27 But when they told him **all the words which Joseph had said to them**, and when he **saw the carts which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived**. **28** Then Israel said, "It is enough. Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

Genesis 45:25-28