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Today's Sermon: Staying Power

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Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:1–18

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

2 Corinthians 4:8–9 (NIV)

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Vince Lombardi once said, “Press on, because nothing can take the place of persistence!”

1. Remember, you are loved by God.

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

1 Corinthians 4:1 (NIV)

But by the grace of God I am what I am...

1 Corinthians 15:10a (NIV)

2. Use the right motivation.

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5 (NIV)

3. I must learn to love other people.

All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 4:15 (NIV)



4. I must stay focused and keep my eyes on the goal.

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 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.

2 Corinthians 4:17–18 (NIV)

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9 (NIV)