

You are Excelling

“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed”
2 (Corinthians 4:7-9).

I think we can all agree, the battles lately have been fierce, frequent in nature and intense. As I sat down to write, I heard the Spirit of the Lord saying,

“You are in a state of excelling” and that’s when 2 Corinthians 4:7-9 flashed through my mind along, “hard -pressed on every side, yet not crushed! Struck down but you are NOT destroyed.”

Does that sound familiar to you? You know what I am talking about...Being “hard-pressed” or “stuck down”....it implies that something hits you with enough force to knock you down. In my younger days, I use to fist fight often with others. I learned quickly to knock someone to ground because it immediately gave me the advantage over them.

Paul knew in life we would encounter things that would cause us to feel hard-pressed or even struck down. I love how this verse starts off saying, “the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.” The whole focus of this verse isn’t about being hard-pressed, but about the excellence of His power at work within us.

The word **Excellence** here means -the state or quality of excelling. It means superiority. This means you have within you the very excellence of God’s power. So what exactly does this mean? It means, you are superior to all situations because of Christ within you.

What does that mean for you? It means regardless of getting knocked down, pushed around, hard-pressed or feeling crushed- you have a quality that is still superior because of God’s magnificent power within you. He will give you what you need to rise above it.

Whatever happens is not about you. It is about HIS power working within you bringing you to the point or state of excelling. Excelling goes beyond what “you” can do in the natural. Grab hold of this.

It is Christ being manifested in you when “things” are against you. Be encouraged... this is only temporary because you will get up. You will overcome! You will SEE GOD’S excellence of power manifested in your situation.

Look upward for Him. Do not look at what you see around you. LOOK UPWARD. Trust in Him. Remember, you 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. You are at the place where the excellence of God's power can be fully manifested in your life!

Heavenly Father,

I come to You today in Jesus name. I invite Your Holy Spirit, to break-up the unplowed ground of my heart, that it might become a fertile field in which Your Word can grow. I ask you to soften my heart again so I can receive Your Word. Help me to walk in Your Word and Your promises that You are my sure foundation and in You I have all wisdom and knowledge. I ask that I might have Your mind in the many situations that I encounter daily, and never turn away from Your truth. How thankful I am for the promise of Your Word that I have the excellence of Your power at work within me. As I look to You, You will cloak me in truth. You are my strength, and you enable me to rise above the circumstances of my life and the cares of this world. I know that because of the finished work of Jesus on the cross that the victory is sure. I declare my dependence upon You alone and lean only on Your excellence of power at work within me.

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