

MARCH SCRIPTURE & SPOTLIGHT

PERSEVERANCE & GROWTH MINDSET

2 CORINTHIANS 4:1, 7-9, 16

¹ God, with his mercy, gave us this work to do. So we don't give up.

⁷ We have this treasure from God. But we are only like clay jars that hold the treasure. This shows that this great power is from God, not from us.

⁸ Though we experience all kinds of hard things, we are not defeated. We might not know what to do, but we do not give up.

⁹ We might be hurt by others, but God has not left our side. We may be knocked down, but not out.

¹⁶ So no wonder we don't give up. For even though on the outside we grow tired, every day our hearts & minds are being made new by God's never-ending grace.

AFFIRMATION

Today's a new day! I leave yesterday in the past.

I am ready for challenges and victories even after making mistakes. Together, we are better.

Our teamwork makes the dream work.

We collaborate. We communicate.

We build each other up. We celebrate. We cooperate. We learn from our mistakes. We are growing with grit and grace.

We're ready to take on today!

DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026 ** for Honour Roll Req.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

The Apostle Paul wrote this letter to encourage believers not to give up, even when life felt hard. He reminds us that the work we are given is a gift from God's mercy. Even when we feel weak, confused, hurt or tired, **God's power is at work inside us.**

This passage teaches that perseverance does not mean *we never struggle*. It means we keep moving forward **because God is with us, helping us grow and learn.**

Word Meanings

- **Perseverance** → continuing to try, even when something is hard.
- **Mercy** → God's kindness toward us, even when we don't deserve it.
- **Treasure** → something very valuable.
- **Clay jar** → something simple and ordinary that can hold something special inside.
- **Defeated** → completely overcome or stopped for good.
- **Grace** → God helping us in ways we don't deserve but deeply need.

Discussion Questions

What does **perseverance** mean to you? When have you had to keep trying even when something felt hard?

Look at verse 1. What are some things God has given you (like talents, family, school, or friendships)? How does remembering they are gifts help you keep going?

Verse 7 says we are like **clay jars holding treasure**. What do you think this means? What special gifts or qualities has God placed inside you?

Reread verse 8. What's the difference between **feeling** defeated and **being** defeated?

What is the difference between **resting, giving up** and **stopping something that is not healthy**? How can we know when we should keep trying and when we should ask for help?

Verse 9 says we may be knocked down, but not out. Have you ever felt "knocked down" by a mistake, disappointment, or someone hurting your feelings? What helped you get back up?

Verse 16 says that even when we grow tired, our hearts and minds are being made new every day. How can this promise help you keep trying at school, sports, friendships, or at home?