

A Word from the Lord

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. Second Corinthians 4:8-9

Down But Not Out

Paul reminds us that though we may think we are at the end of the **Rope**, we are never at the end of **Hope**. Our perishable bodies are subject to sin and suffering, but God never abandons us. Because Christ has won the victory over death, we have eternal life. All our risks, humiliations, and trials are opportunities for Christ to demonstrate his power and presence in and through us. Like Paul we must carry out our ministry, looking to God for strength. When opposition, slander, or disappointments threaten to rob you of the victory, remember that no one can destroy what God has accomplished through you. (Life Application Bible Commentary)