

Do Not Lose Heart  
in the  
**Ministry of the Gospel**

2 Corinthians 4:1





*“Folk in those stories had lots of chances of turning back only they didn’t. They kept going because they were holding on to something.”*

*J.R.R. Tolkien*



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## “Faint Not”

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ἐγκακέω- to lose one’s motivation in continuing a desirable pattern of conduct or activity, lose enthusiasm, be discouraged, to be afraid in the face of a great difficulty.

William Arndt et al., [\*A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature\*](#) (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 272.



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We Have Been Called  
to a Glorious Ministry

2 Corinthians 3-5



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## We Have Been Called to a Ministry of Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:18-21



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God Gave us this  
Responsibility

2 Corinthians 3:6; 4:1; 5:18



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Be Bold and Do Not  
Hide the Gospel

2 Corinthians 4:2-6; 3:12



“he did not adjust, water down, or tamper with the gospel to stroke his listeners’ egos or to avoid ruffling their feathers. He is not a flatterer using God’s word only to delight the audience and bewitch them with enchanting interpretations that never question their conduct or character.”

David E. Garland, [2 Corinthians](#), vol. 29, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1999), 206.



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In Difficult Times

2 Corinthians 4:7-12; 15-16



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Depend on God's  
Sustaining Power

2 Corinthians 4:7-12; 15-16



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Rest in God's  
Faithfulness

2 Corinthians 4:13-14; Psalm 116:10



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Focusing on the Effect  
of the Gospel

2 Corinthians 4:12; 15



# Do Not Lose Heart in Difficult Times

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## Look to Eternity

2 Corinthians 4:17-18; 5:1-7



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Christ is Watching

2 Corinthians 4:2; 5:9-10



“The teaching about the judgment seat before which all believers must come reminds us that we have been saved, not for a life of aimlessness or indifference, but to live as to the Lord (5:15)... The sure prospect of the judgment seat reminds the Corinthians—and all believers—that while they are righteous in Christ by faith alone, the faith that justifies is to be expressed by love and obedience, and by pleasing the Lord (v. 9).”

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