



"Why has God Equipped You to Serve?" Pastor Brad Bigney January 22, 2017

Sermon Discussion

1. Read <u>2 Corinthians 4:1-18</u> and review the **main points** of the sermon.

When God Saved You, He...

- a. ... gave you a ministry
- b. ... gave you His Word and the Power of the Gospel
- c. ... *gave* you your own personal testimony
- d. ... signed you up for a special curriculum (S.S.O.A.)
- e. ... *gave* you a New Hope, New Motivation and New Perspective

2. Reflect and Ruminate:

- a. Is there a circumstance or relationship in your life that you've "lost heart" (v1 & 16)? Explain.
- b. Which side of the table below describes your thinking as it relates to your current trial?

Hard pressed	but not	crushed
Perplexed	but not	in despair
Persecuted	but not	forsaken
Struck down	but not	destroyed

3. Replace:

- a. What changes in your thinking need to take place in order to move from the left side of the table in Q2 to the right side?
- b. Which one of the following would help encourage you the most as it relates to your current trial: New Hope, New Motivation or New Perspective

4. Renew:

- a. What steps of faith and obedience can you take this week to help you have a: New Hope, New Motivation or New Perspective (pick one)?
- b. Does anyone have a testimony of how God met them in a trial (or is currently meeting them in their current trial) that would encourage the group?

5. Request:

a. How can the group pray specifically for you as you go through your trial?

6. Remember:

a. God delights in using broken people to give grace and bring glory to God. Our testimony is meant to point people to the gospel. He uses us in our brokenness.

Prayer Emphasis:

- a. Pray for specific opportunities to give grace to other people this week.
- b. Pray for an opportunity to share your testimony with someone in your circle of relationships this week.