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Joshua 2:9-11

"I know that the LORD has given this land to you and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you.

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Joshua 2:9-11

We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og,

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Joshua 2:9-11

the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan,
whom you completely destroyed. When we
heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone's
courage failed because of you,

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Joshua 2:9-11

for the LORD your God is God in heaven above
and on the earth below.

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Psalm 22:14

I am poured out like water, and all my bones
are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax;
it has melted away within me.

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2 Corinthians 4:1-6,13

¹ Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways;

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2 Corinthians 4:1-6,13

we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

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2 Corinthians 4:1-6,13

³ And even if our gospel is veiled,
it is veiled to those who are perishing.

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2 Corinthians 4:1-6,13

⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

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2 Corinthians 4:1-6,13

⁵ For we do not preach ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves
as your servants for Jesus' sake.

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2 Corinthians 4:1-6,13

⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

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2 Corinthians 4:1-6,13

¹³ It is written:

"I believed; therefore I have spoken."
With that same spirit of faith we also
believe and therefore speak

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Three heart-protectors:

1. Truth: **Believe God's Word**



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2 Corinthians 4:7-12

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

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2 Corinthians 4:7-12

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

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2 Corinthians 4:7-12

¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

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2 Corinthians 4:7-12

¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body.

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¹² So then, death is at work in us,
but life is at work in you.

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Three heart-protectors:

1. Truth: **Believe God's Word**

2. Treasure: **Rely on God's Spirit**



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2 Corinthians 4:13b-18

^{13b} With that same spirit of faith
we also believe and therefore speak,

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2 Corinthians 4:13b-18

¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence.

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2 Corinthians 4:13b-18

¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

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2 Corinthians 4:13b-18

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart.

Though outwardly we are wasting away,
yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

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2 Corinthians 4:13b-18

¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

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2 Corinthians 4:13b-18

¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

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Three heart-protectors:

1. Truth: Believe God's Word
2. Treasure: Rely on God's Spirit
3. Eternity: **Fixate on Eternal Glory**



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2 Corinthians 3:18

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

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Luke 18:1

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

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Hebrews 12:2b-4

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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Hebrews 12:2b-4

Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

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Hebrews 12:2b-4

In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

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