

Ministry of Unveiled Glory: Devotionals

Pulpit guests included Blake Sanders, Student Pastor, at 9:30 AM and Reece Pickard, Adult Pastor, at 11:00 AM.

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Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Therefore, since God in his mercy has given us this new way,^[a] we never give up. ²We reject all shameful deeds and underhanded methods. We don't try to trick anyone or distort the word of God. We tell the truth before God, and all who are honest know this.

³If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. ⁴Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

⁵You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.

Day 1 – Mercy Sustains Ministry

Scripture:

"Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart."

2 Corinthians 4:1

Thought:

Paul reminds us that ministry is not earned but entrusted by God's mercy. The call to serve is sustained not by our strength, but by God's grace. If we measure our faithfulness by human response, we will grow weary. But if we remember that mercy fuels our perseverance, we will endure.

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for Your mercy that called me and sustains me. Keep me from losing heart when ministry feels hard. Help me rest in Your mercy, not in my performance. Amen.

Action:

Encourage someone in your church or family who may be discouraged. Remind them that God's mercy sustains their work.

Questions:

1. *Where in my life have I been tempted to measure my ministry by results instead of God's mercy?*
 2. *How does remembering God's mercy change the way I serve others?*
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Day 2 – Integrity Marks Ministry

Scripture:

“But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God’s word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God.”

2 Corinthians 4:2

Thought:

Paul emphasizes honesty in handling God’s Word. Ministry loses its power when the gospel is watered down or manipulated. The world doesn’t need a “softer” gospel—it needs the truth that saves. Our lives should align with the message we proclaim.

Prayer:

Father, help me handle Your Word with integrity. Guard me from the temptation to compromise truth for comfort or approval. Let my life reflect the gospel I speak. Amen.

Action:

Take time today to evaluate your speech and actions. Are there areas where your life doesn’t align with the gospel you proclaim? Repent and realign with truth.

Questions:

1. *What does it mean to you to “tamper with God’s Word”?*
 2. *How can I live so that my words and actions both testify to Christ?*
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Day 3 – Blindness Confronts Ministry

Scripture:

“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers . . .”

2 Corinthians 4:3–4

Thought:

The obstacle to belief is not the gospel’s clarity but human blindness. Sin blinds hearts, and only God can open eyes. This truth humbles us - our role is to proclaim, but salvation is God’s work. It also drives us to prayer, knowing the spiritual battle at play.

Prayer:

Lord, I cannot open blind eyes, but You can. Shine Your light into the hearts of those I love who do not know You. Give me perseverance to proclaim truth with compassion. Amen.

Action:

Write down the names of three people who don’t know Christ. Commit to praying daily this week that God would open their eyes to the gospel.

Questions:

1. *How does it encourage or challenge me to know that only God can open spiritual eyes?*
 2. *Who am I specifically praying for that they would see the light of Christ?*
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Day 4 – Christ Centers Ministry

Scripture:

“For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake.”

2 Corinthians 4:5

Thought:

Paul’s ministry wasn’t about himself but about Christ as Lord. Self-promotion dilutes the gospel; Christ-exaltation magnifies it. When Jesus is at the center, ministry flows with humility, service, and dependence on His power.

Prayer:

Jesus, You are Lord. Forgive me for the times I’ve tried to make ministry about me. Make me a servant for Your sake, pointing others to You alone. Amen.

Action:

As you share your testimony or encourage someone today, make sure the focus is on Christ - not your own story or achievements.

Questions:

1. *In what subtle ways am I tempted to make ministry about myself instead of Christ?*
 2. *How can I practically point others to Christ in my daily conversations?*
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Day 5 – Glory Radiates Through Ministry

Scripture:

“For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

2 Corinthians 4:6

Thought:

Just as God spoke light into creation, He shines His glory into our hearts through Christ. Ministry is not about carrying our own light but reflecting His. When we walk in His light, our words and deeds radiate the hope of the gospel.

Prayer:

God, thank You for shining Your light into my heart through Christ. Help me to radiate that light in my words, actions, and love so others may see Your glory. Amen.

Action:

Do one intentional act of love today that reflects the light of Christ - whether serving a neighbor, encouraging a co-worker, or sharing your faith.

Questions:

1. *How has God’s light changed the way I see my life and the world?*
 2. *Where can I let His light shine more clearly in my daily interactions?*
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