I can’t pretend that I’m okay anymore. I can’t fake it anymore. I’m hopeless, helpless and I'm afraid I’ll never get better.
Finding God’s Strength In Our Weakness

Strength To Persevere
4:1-18
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Refuse To Compromise Your Character

DON’T

• Lose heart
• Act in secret
• Do shameful things
• Be deceptive
• Distort the word of God
Refuse To Compromise Your Character

**DO**

- *Set forth the truth plainly*
- *Proclaim Jesus as Lord*
- *Remember you are a servant of God*
Remember God Has A Purpose For Your Pain

• *So we can comfort others* 1:3-4
• *So we learn to rely on Him* 1:9
• *So Jesus is revealed in us* 4:7,11
• *So God will be glorified as faithful* 4:15
God is Glorified as Faithful When...

*His POWER is seen at work in us!*

- Hard pressed not Crushed
- Perplexed not Despairing
- Persecuted not Abandoned
- Struck down not Destroyed
In The Midst of Our Trials...

• True Spiritual life is revealed

• God is Glorified
Focus On The End Result Not The Process

• *Outwardly Wasting Away*  *Inwardly Being Renewed*

• *Light Momentary Troubles*  *Eternal Glory*

• *Don’t Look at what is seen*  *Look at what is unseen*
What Is Unseen?

- **The Work of God Behind the Scenes of your life: Ruth**
- **The Unimaginable Power of God for You: Tomb**
- **The Future Only God Knows** (Isaiah 43:14-21)
Strength To Persevere Comes When...

- We don’t compromise our character
  ~ We pray, “God help me live with integrity.”

- We hold onto the Purpose of God.
  ~ We pray, “God help me understand your purpose.”

- We focus on the RESULT not the PROCESS.
  ~ We pray, “God help me see the future you see!”