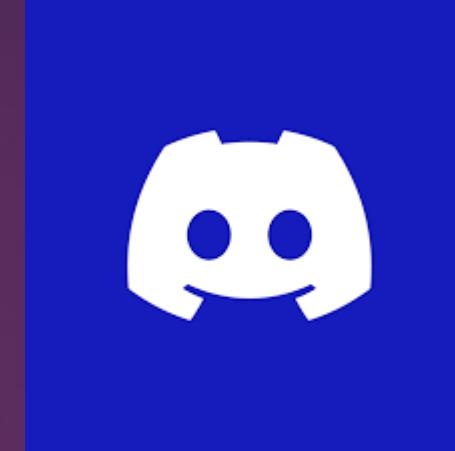


Welcome to Women's Bible Study!

*NOVEMBER 18, 2025
“OUR FRAILTY AND
GOD’S POWER*



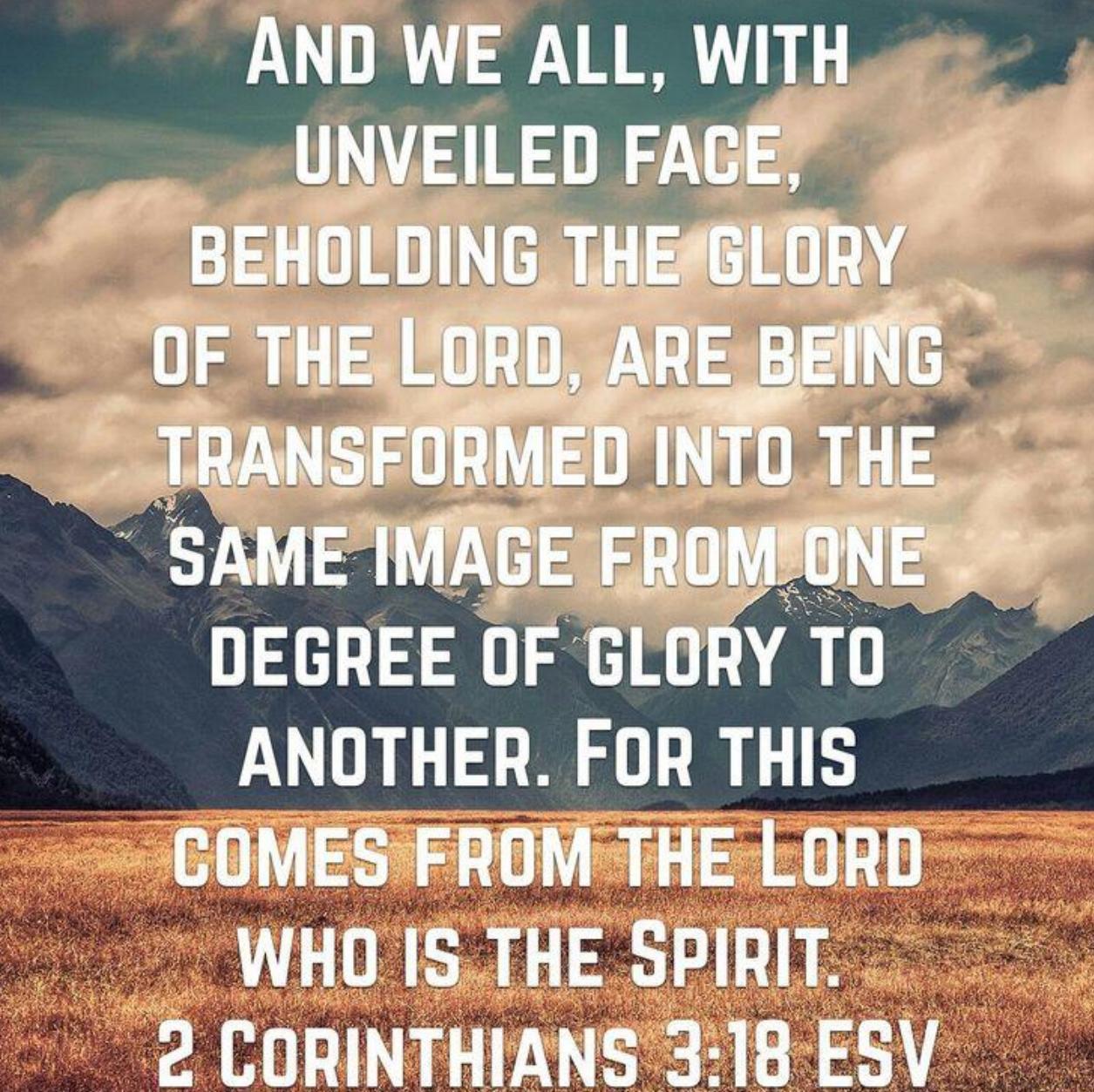
How to connect/Resources:



Welcome!

2 CORINTHIANS

MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU,
FOR MY POWER IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS.



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UNVEILED FACE,
BEHOLDING THE GLORY
OF THE LORD, ARE BEING
TRANSFORMED INTO THE
SAME IMAGE FROM ONE
DEGREE OF GLORY TO
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COMES FROM THE LORD
WHO IS THE SPIRIT.
2 CORINTHIANS 3:18 ESV

Review



History of Paul with Corinth



- 2nd Missionary Journey-Paul travels to Corinth from Athens alone. Meets Priscilla and Aquilla and works as a tentmaker. Preaches to the Jews and Gentiles and starts a church. Stays for 18 months (Acts 18) (Around 50-52 AD)
- At some point, Apollos and later Peter visit the church
- Paul receives a letter from them asking follow up questions from an earlier letter and also reports about them while in Ephesus-struggling with worldliness, pride, immorality, understanding spiritual gifts (53-55 AD)

- Paul writes 1 Corinthians, delivered by Timothy
- He hears they did not respond well.
- Paul makes a “painful visit” to them. Tells them he will visit them on his way to Macedonia. (2 Cor. 2:1; 12:20) (55 AD)
- Instead, Paul writes a “severe letter” going on towards Macedonia (2 Cor. 2:3-4; 7:8-12) (55 AD)
- Titus brings a report to Paul that they have responded better.
- Paul writes 2 Corinthians (Around 55 AD)
- Paul arrives in Corinth (around 56 AD) and spends 3 months there (Acts 20:3)
- Paul gathers area collection and writes Romans from Corinth.



Ongoing Issues in Corinth

- *Paul's changing travel plans*
- *The unfinished collection*
- *Ongoing immorality*
- *Paul's apostleship*
- *“Super Apostles”*
- *Preparation for his 3rd and final visit.*



Outline:

1. *Overview and Introduction/Comfort in Affliction* (1:1-11)
2. *Paul's personal defense-His Commendation is from God* (1:12-3:18)
3. *Paul's defense of his ministry-Do not lose heart* (4-5)
4. *Paul's Appeal-God's grace is not in vain* (6-7)
5. *Call to complete the collection for the saints* (8-9)
6. *Paul's apostolic authority over the “super apostles”* (10:1-11:15)
7. *Boasting in weakness/His power made perfect* (11:16-12:13)
8. *Preparation for Paul's third visit/Closing* (12:14-13:14)

Summary:

1:1-11-Introduction (Sept.)

*1:12-7:16-Paul's defense: Personal and Ministry
(Oct., Nov., Dec.)*

8-9-Giving generously (Jan.)

10:1-12:13-The rebellious minority (Feb. March)

12:14-13:10-Preparations for a third visit (April)

13:11-14-Final Greetings (April)



2 Corinthians 1:1-11:

Introduction

Blessing/Benediction

Paul's trials and afflictions

→ *We are comforted in Christ in order to comfort others.*



Summary of 2 Corinthians 1:12-3:18





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Old Covenant

Written on tablets of stone
Of the letter
Kills
Ministry of Death
Came with glory
Ministry of condemnation
Now no glory
Bring brought to end
Minds hardened-veil in place
Can't look at the glory

New Covenant

Written on human hearts
Of the Spirit
Gives life
Ministry of the Spirit
Exceeding glory
Ministry of righteousness
Surpassing glory
Permanent
Freedom-veil lifted
Behold glory-transformed



WE BECOME
WHAT WE BEHOLD



Group Discussion

Study Guide

Teaching-2 Corinthians 4-5
“Our Frailty Magnifies God’s Power”

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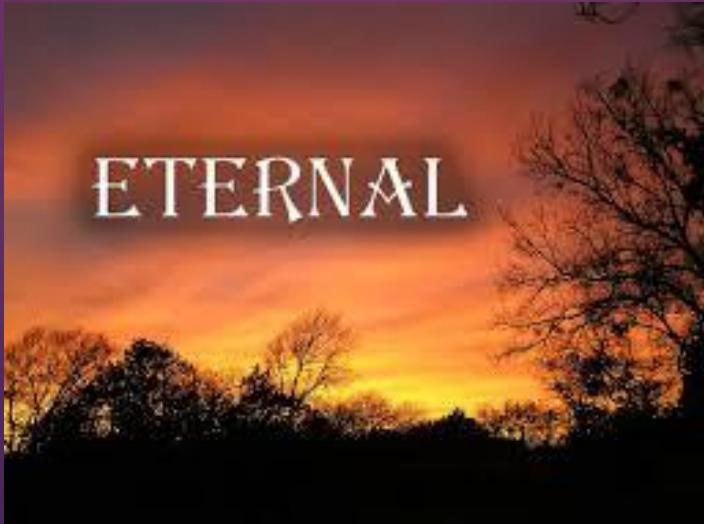
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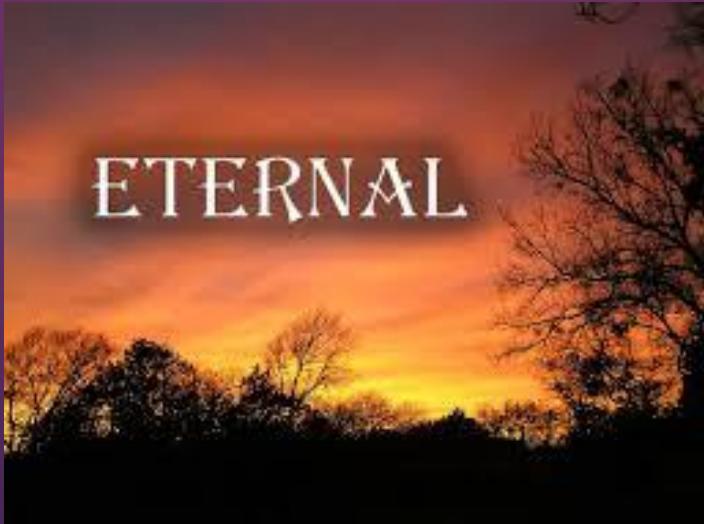
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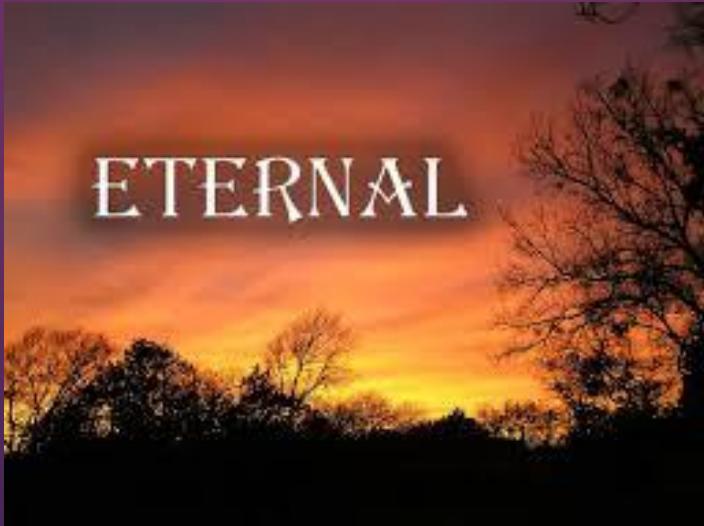
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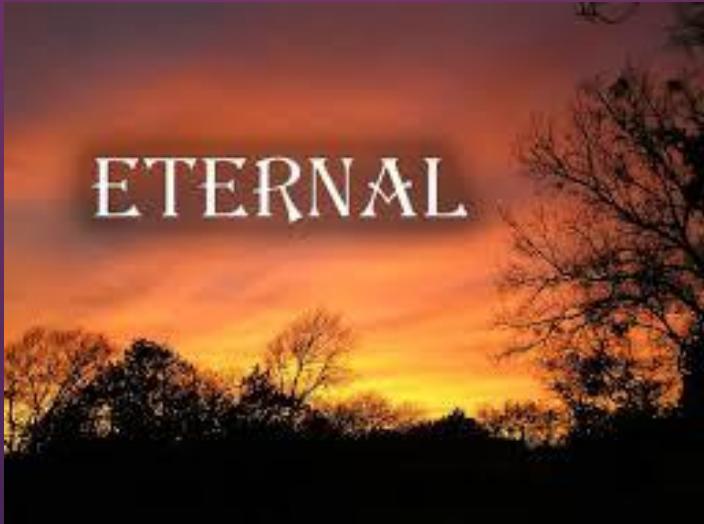
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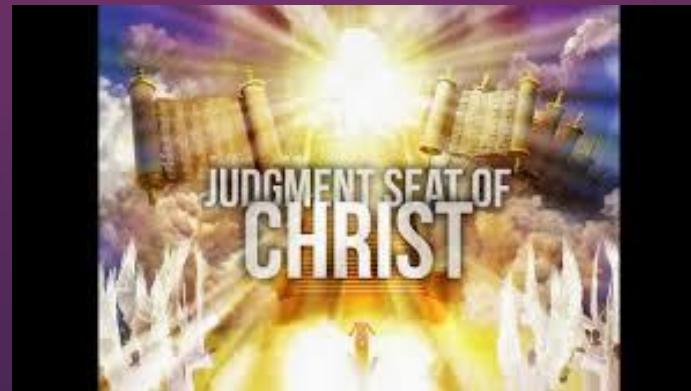
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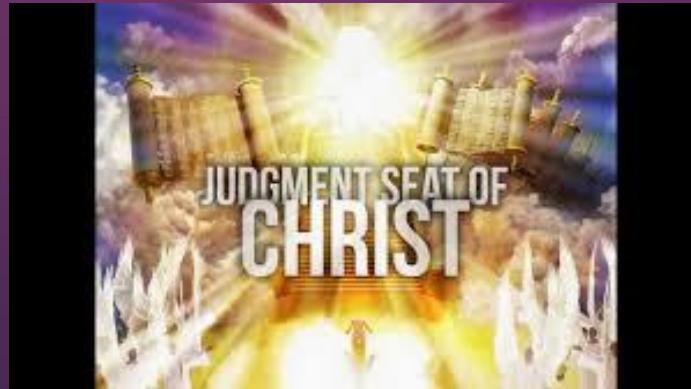
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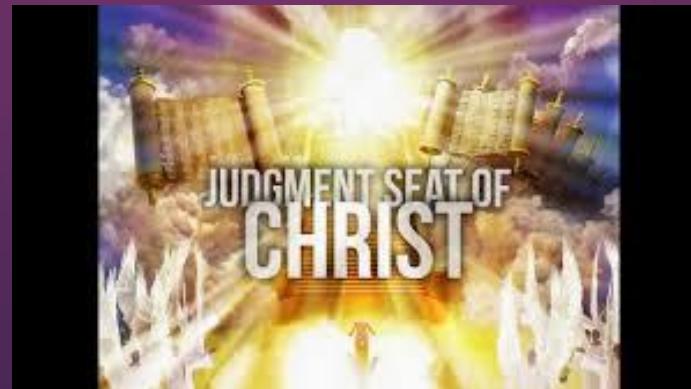
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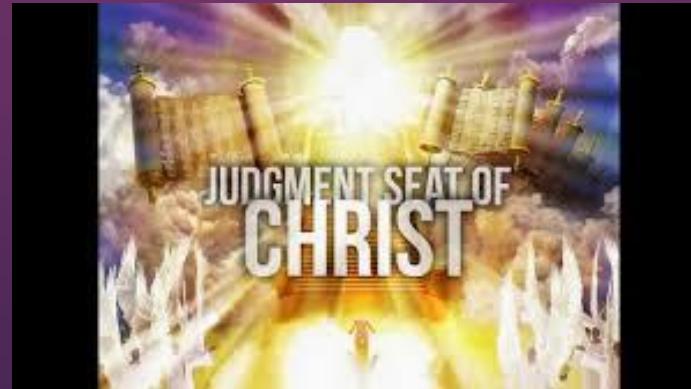
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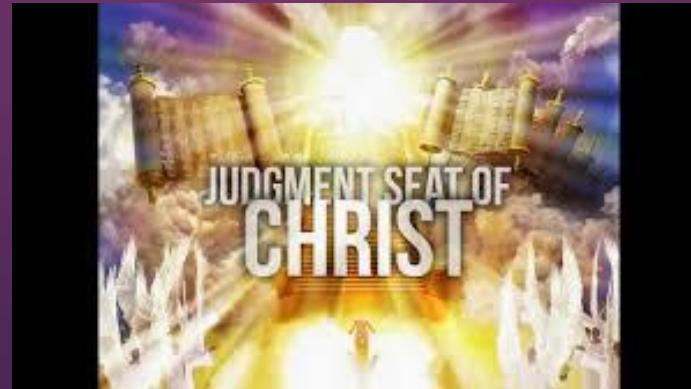
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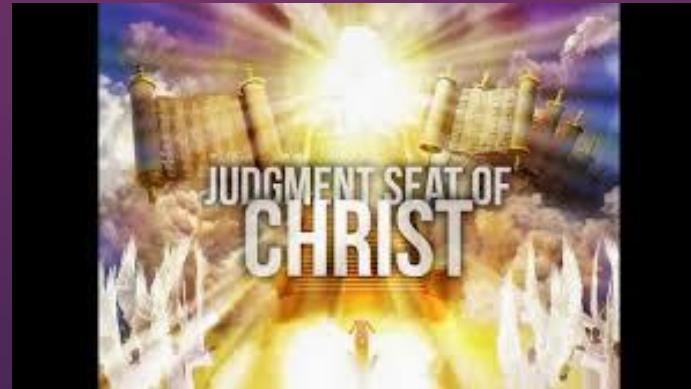
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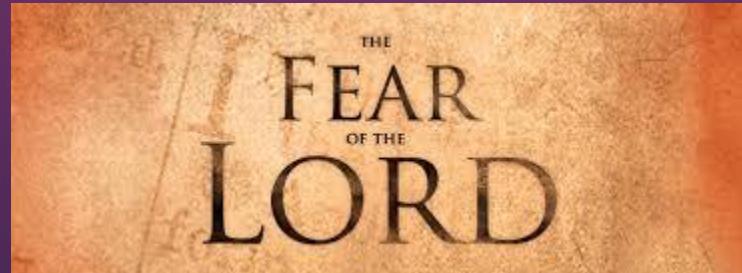
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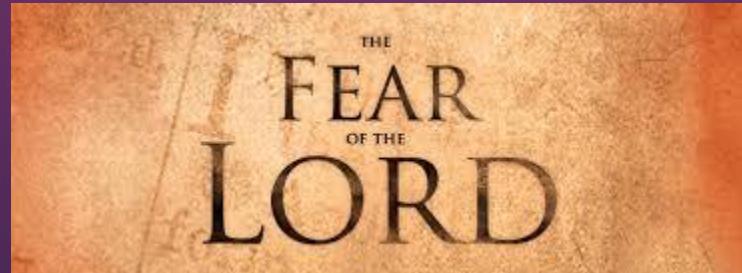
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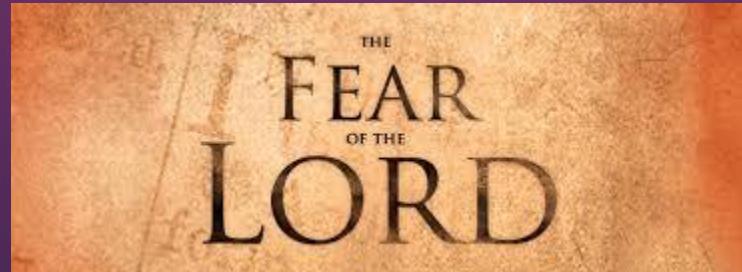
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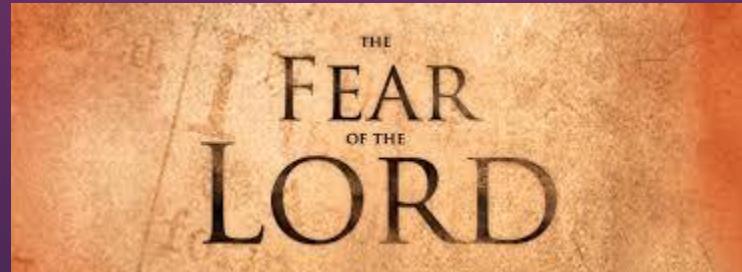
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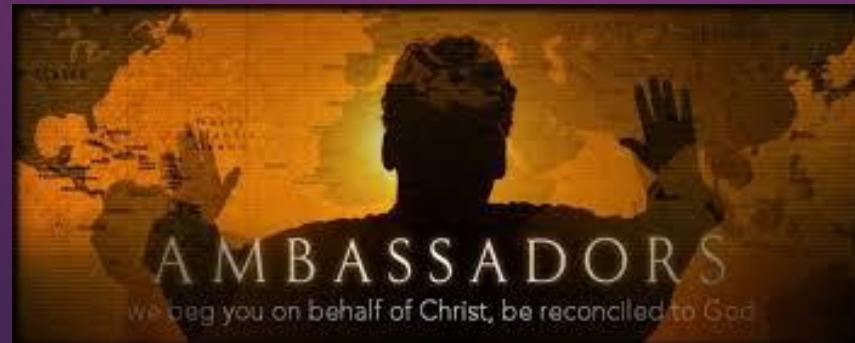
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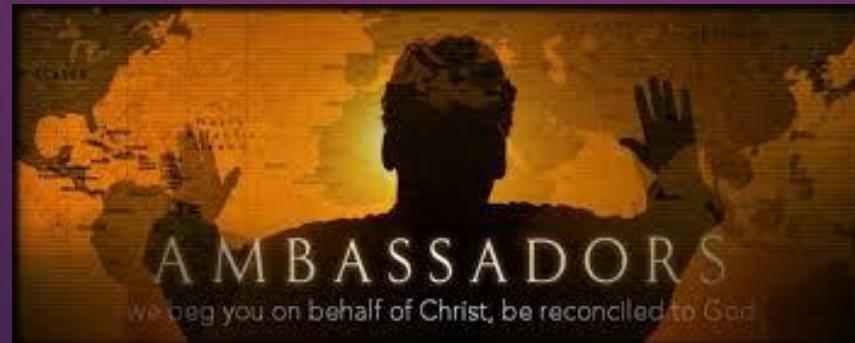
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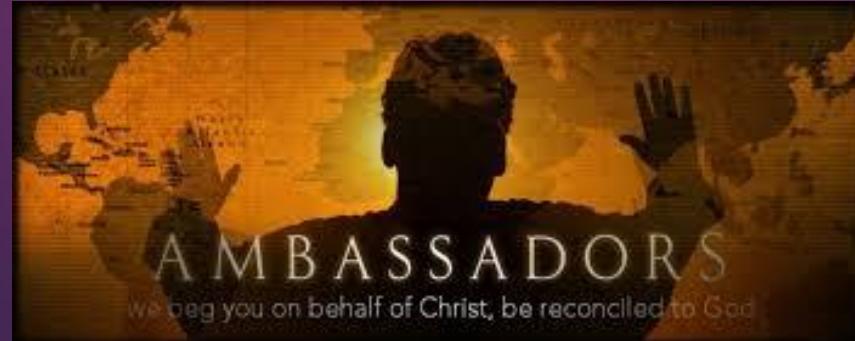
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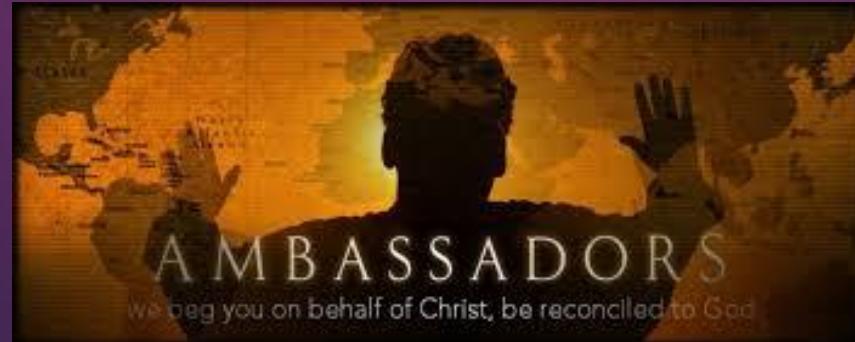
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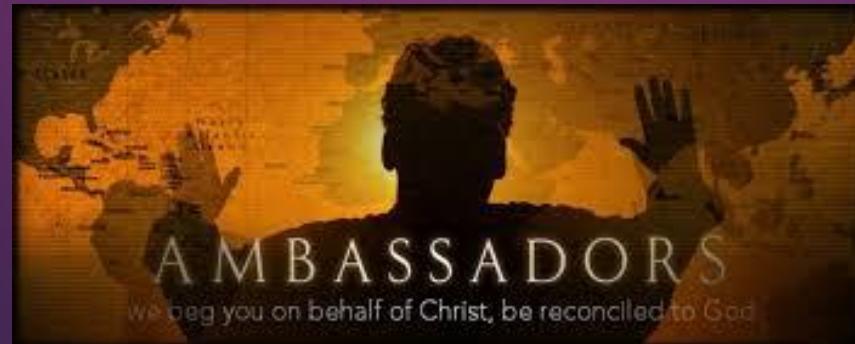
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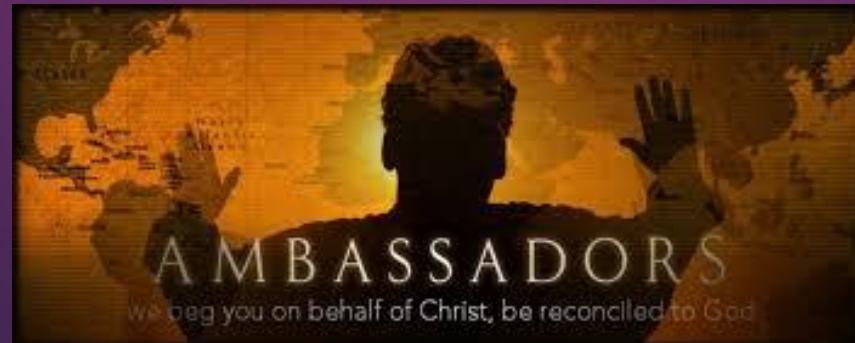
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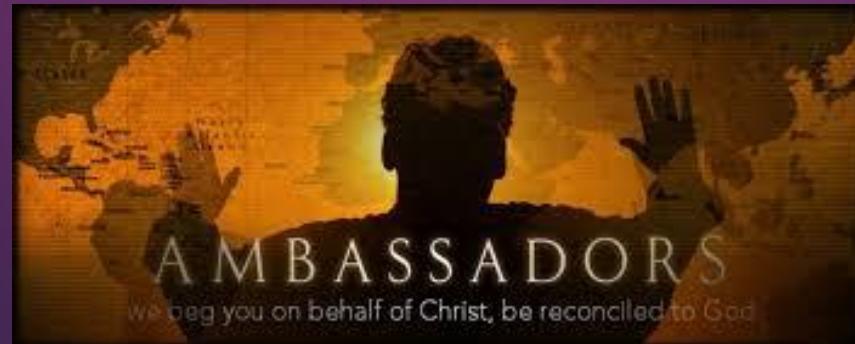
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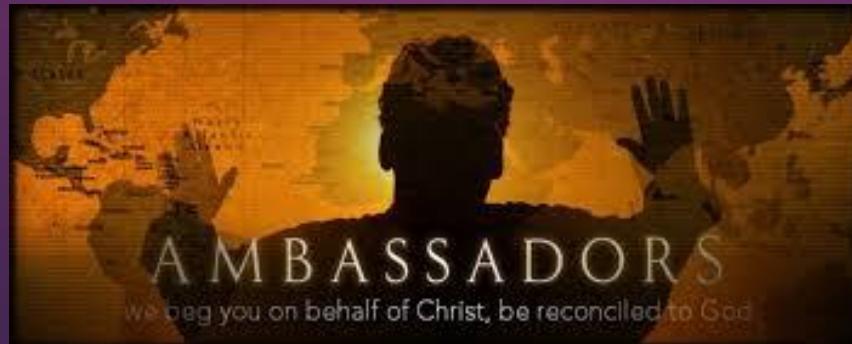
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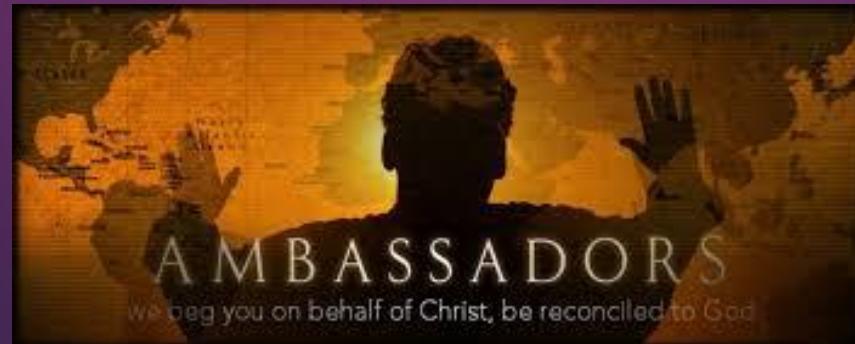
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Application:

1. *Do not lose heart-we see the light of the gospel in the glory of Christ.*
2. *Our frailty magnifies God's glory as His power is displayed in our weakness.*
3. *Our struggles are preparing us for the glory that is to come.*

Application:

4. *We long for our heavenly dwelling but we can have courage because we have His Spirit as a guarantee.*
5. *While we wait, we strive to please Him.*
6. *We are new creation and have been given the ministry of reconciliation as His ambassadors.*

Discussion/Sharing Time

1. *In what ways do we lose heart? How does knowing that our fragile, weak bodies magnify God's glory help to give us strength?*
2. *What does it look like to carry in our bodies the death of Jesus?*
3. *Where do we look to what is seen rather than unseen? How can we lift our gaze to the eternal?*
4. *While we wait and long for our heavenly bodies, what are we called to do? What does that specifically look like for you?*
5. *What ought our lives look like if we are living as ambassadors for Christ?*

Summary

Closing Thoughts

→Our *frailty*
magnifies God's
power and the glory
of Christ. Do not lose
heart-What we see is
not all that is.



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

- 2 Corinthians 4:7 -

Homework:

- *Join Discord!*
- *Read 2 Corinthians 6-7 and work on the study guide. (To be sent soon) Finish 2 Corinthians 4-5 study guide*
- *Next Study: Tuesday, December 9 (2nd Tues)*

