

Indestructible

We all have been through and some of us are currently going through some difficult times. It looks and feels like you going to lose or be destroyed. Well, I have some news for you. One of the scriptures that God spoke to me in one of the most difficult times was this passage. I do not know where you are currently, but I want to encourage you to not budge, bend, or break.

1. 2 Corinthians 4:7-9 *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.* ⁸ *We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;* ⁹ *Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;*

Paul is one person that wrote this, and he went through so much in his ministry. Stoned and left for dead, in prison, shipwrecked and so many hardships you can read about in 2 Corinthians, yet he said:

- a) Troubled (hard-pressed) on every side yet he was not distressed (crushed).
- b) Perplexed (in doubt, with no way out, frustrated) but not in despair (to be utterly at a loss).
- c) Persecuted, but not forsaken
- d) Cast down, but not destroyed

Paul had some serious afflictions and hardship which make some of ours pale in comparison.

2 Corinthians 11:24-33 ²⁴ *Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.* ²⁵ *Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;* ²⁶ *In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the*

city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; ²⁷ In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. ²⁸ Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? ³⁰ If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. ³¹ The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not. ³² In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: ³³ And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

After all this, to him, all his afflictions were light afflictions: 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 “ ¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; ¹⁸ While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

Why would Paul look down on his afflictions of such magnitude? Paul looked at his afflictions in the light of eternity and through that lens, they were light, temporary, and were working him a more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. A man like this could not be threatened by a kid of destruction. He was already indestructible through his mindset. Being indestructible is not based on what people do or do not do to you, but on your mindset.

2. Paul could not be destroyed. He was indestructible because of his mindset. It starts with the right mindset, trusting God, and refusing to give in, then only will we be indestructible or undestroyable.
3. Psalm 129:2 *Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me.*
4. 1 Samuel 14:6 *There is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few.*
5. 2 Corinthians 2:14 *Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. NKJV*

2 Corinthians 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. KJV