

# THE POWER OF MERCY

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## God Can Use Anybody

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*... Instead, give yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life, and surrender your whole being to Him to be used for righteous purposes.*

Romans 6:13

### 5 KEYS TO STAYING USABLE

2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-18

#### 1. Remember it's all because of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

*God in His mercy has given us this ministry and work to do. That's why we do not become discouraged and never give up!* 2 Corinthians 4:1

MERCY: undeserved forgiveness & unearned kindness

*For you have heard about my former way of life in Judaism: I persecuted God's church to an extreme degree and tried to destroy it...but when God, who from my mother's womb set me apart and called me by His grace...* Galatians 1:13, 15

*It is God Himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago He planned that we should spend these lives in helping others.* Ephesians 2:10

#### 2. Remember to be \_\_\_\_\_.

*We 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.* 2 Corinthians 4:2

*For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father!'* Romans 8:15

#### 3. Remember it's not \_\_\_\_\_.

*Remember, our message is not about ourselves; we're proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Master. All we are is messengers, errand runners from Jesus for you.* 2 Corinthians 4:5

*We are like clay jars in which this treasure is stored. The real power comes from God and not from us.* 2 Corinthians 4:7

#### 4. Remember to use \_\_\_\_\_ to help others

*We are pressured in every way but not crushed; we are perplexed but not in despair; we are persecuted but not abandoned; we are struck down but not destroyed.* 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

*All of these sufferings of ours are for your benefit. And the more of you who are won to Christ, the more there are to thank Him for His great mercy, and the more God gets glory!* 2 Corinthians 4:15

*This is why we never give up! Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are quite small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever!* 2 Corinthians 4:16-17

#### 5. Remember to stay focused on \_\_\_\_\_.

*These little troubles are getting us ready for an eternal glory that will make all our troubles seem like nothing.* 2 Corinthians 4:17

*So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.* 2 Corinthians 4:18

A key to staying focused is to stay in a \_\_\_\_\_.

*Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.* Ecclesiastes 4:12

### Memory Verse:

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### Next Steps:

- I will not buy into Satan's lie that I am either unqualified or disqualified to serve the Lord. I will remain available to God!
- I will register for an Emmanuel Connection Group to stay focused.
- I will register for CLASS 101-201-301-401 to continue my spiritual growth.