

3. The Light of the Gospel shines through JARS OF CLAY (4:7)

- Remember the story of Gideon in Judges 7?
- It is through our CRACKS that the light of the Gospel SHINES.
 - *“afflicted in every way, but not crushed”*
 - *“perplexed, but not driven to despair”*
 - *“persecuted, but not forsaken”*
 - *“struck down, but not destroyed”*
 - *“always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.”*
- It is through our CRACKS that God gets the GLORY.

3 things to remember as we scatter into the world

1. Remember you were LIT to SHINE.
2. Remember as you SHINE, don't LOSE HEART.
3. Remember God intends the light of the Gospel to SHINE through your CRACKS.



Light Struggle

2 Corinthians 4:1-12

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Today we continue our exploration of the rich and often-used metaphor of light surrounding the coming of Jesus at Christmas. In 2 Corinthians 4, we discover that all that Jesus has done for us is called “the light of the Gospel” and we learn 3 useful realities about this Gospel light . . .

1. The Light of the Gospel is VEILED (4:3-4)

- Around us at all times, there is an invisible LIGHT STRUGGLE.
- The god of this world is BLINDING the minds of UNBELIEVERS.

2. The Light of the Gospel must be REVEALED (4:5-6)

- God breaks through our BLINDNESS by saying “let there be light” to our dark hearts so that we see “the LIGHT of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”
- God does this as we PROCLAIM Jesus Christ as Lord and make ourselves SERVANTS of others for Jesus' sake.