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Worship Service  
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## COMPELLED: Taking the Gospel to the World

Lesson One • 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

### Don't Lose Heart

#### New Year's Prayer

May the love of Christ COMPEL us to take the gospel to the world in 2026.

*For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that One has died for all, therefore all have died; and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.*  
2 Corinthians 5:14-15

#### New Year's Resolution

We do not LOSE HEART in sharing the gospel with others.

*Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart.*  
2 Corinthians 4:1

*So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.*  
2 Corinthians 4:16

#### Encouragement for Endurance in Sharing the Gospel

## 1. Don't Lose Heart: We Have a Glorious But Difficult MINISTRY!

#### A Glorious But Difficult Ministry

- Discouragement may lead us to GIVE UP sharing the gospel with others (v. 1).
- Discouragement may lead us to TAMPER with the message of the gospel (v. 2).

## 2. Don't Lose Heart: We Have a Defeated But Active ENEMY!

#### A Defeated But Active Enemy

Why don't more people respond to the gospel in saving faith? Because their minds are BLINDED by Satan (v. 3-4).

## 3. Don't Lose Heart: We Have a Veiled But Powerful GOSPEL!

#### A Veiled But Powerful Gospel

- Keep PROCLAIMING Jesus Christ as Lord (v. 5).
- God is still SHINING light in the darkness (v. 6).

#### Two Takeaways

- ❖ BRACE yourself for the spiritual war we are fighting.
- ❖ Rest in the GRACE of the gospel we are proclaiming.