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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.