

SC Church 1.18.2026

New Can't Fix You Face to Face

- A. Intro: When do you connect best with the people who mean the most to you?
- B. Big Idea: We see more clearly the more we seek God's face!
- C. Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:16-18 NLT – ¹⁶ But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.
- D. What can we expect when we seek God's face?
 - a. To See more Clearly
 - i. 2 Corinthians 3:16 NLT – ¹⁶ But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.
 - ii. Proverbs 4:19 NLT – ¹⁹ But the way of the wicked is like total darkness. They have no idea what they are stumbling over.
 - iii. Matthew 6:22-23 NLT – ²² “Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. ²³ But when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!
 - iv. John 15:5 NLT – ⁵ “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.
 - b. To Grow in Freedom
 - i. 2 Corinthians 3:17 NLT – ¹⁷ For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
 - ii. 1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV – ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.
 - iii. 2 Corinthians 3:18 NLT – ¹⁸ So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.
 - c. For God's Power to Work through Us
 - i. 2 Corinthians 4:7-10 NLT – ⁷ We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing

this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves. ⁸ We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. ⁹ We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. ¹⁰ Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.

- ii. 2 Corinthians 12:9 NLT – “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.”

E. Close: How can you grow in more freedom this year?

- a. Psalm 139:23-24 NLT – ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

b. Next Steps

- i. Memorize: 2 Corinthians 4:7 NLT – ⁷ We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.
- ii. Think: How and where can I spend time seeking God’s face more?
- iii. Action: Go to a special place where you can be away from distractions and take in God’s peace and presence.