

POWER.FULLY.WEAK.

June 27, 2021

2Cor 6:1-13

“Perfect Timing”

*² Behold, now is the favorable time;
behold, now is the day of salvation.*

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For he says,

*“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”*

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³ We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry,



⁴ but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷ by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise.



We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹² You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³ In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.



2Cor 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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- The Barriers to responding to the Gospel
 - The Barriers to living out the Gospel
- The Hope and Power to Break through the Barriers

Barriers to Responding

Unknowing

Romans 10:13-15

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?

And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵

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False Gospel

Galatians

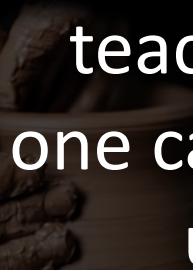
^{1:8} But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. ^{2:16} yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ...

Barriers to Responding

Intellectual

John 3:1-2

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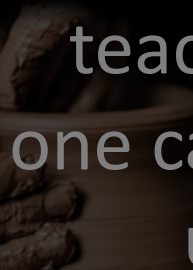


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Personal

Matthew 19:21

Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²² When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Barriers to Responding

Christians

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“Why would I go to church? It's full of _____”

Does Christ make a real difference in the way I live?

Barriers to Living Out the Gospel

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Life

Afflictions
Hardships
Calamities

Others

Beatings
Imprisonment
Riots

Personal

Labors
Sleepless
Hunger



Barriers to Living Out the Gospel

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Life

Busy-ness
Pain

Others

Others' Opinions
Consequences

Personal

Consumerism
Individuality



The Power to Break Through Barriers

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Isaiah 53:3

He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.



Remember The Gospel; Remember Who You Are

The Lie



The Truth

Imposters



True

Unknown



Well Known

Dying



Living

Punished



Not Killed

Sorrowful



Rejoicing

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Holy Spirit

Power of God

Weapons of Righteousness



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