

**Coming Back from Trial**  
**2 Corinthians 4:7-18, Pew Bible p. 965**  
**September 18, 2022**

**I. Introduction to 2 Corinthians 4:7-18**

- A. Physical trial often helps us be Jesus to people (V. 7-12).
- B. Physical trial is often the price that must be paid for people to hear the gospel (V. 13-15).
- C. Physical trial helps wean us from the world and look forward to heaven (V. 16-18).

**II. Interview with Nathan & Becky Fagerlie**

- A. What stands out to you from 2 Corinthians 4:7-18?
- B. Tell us about your ministry in Indonesia.
- C. How do you resonate with verse 11?
- D. What does the treasure you have in jars of clay, the light of the gospel, have to do with your decision to return to the field?
- E. Tell us about what verse 16 means to you.
- F. What would you say to others struggling to come back from physical limitations as they do God's work?

## **Group Discussion Questions**

1. Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-18.
2. Have you ever been physically exhausted, or sick, or injured in a debilitating way and God did not heal you?
3. How can Christians both serve an all-powerful God and yet our bodies be so vulnerable to sickness, age, and injury, according to verses 7 and 11?
4. What are some reasons it is important for Christians to be prepared for physical trial in this life, according to verse 15?
5. Have you ever had deep spiritual peace despite intense physical pain or failure? Why?
6. How does physical suffering prepare a Christian for heaven, according to verses 17-18?
7. Pray for our church, that God would guard us against discouragement, especially the kind of discouragement that would cause us to tamper with His Word. Consider attending the church prayer meeting every Sunday at 7 pm. Register at the church website at [www.apollobaptist.org](http://www.apollobaptist.org).

## **Church Bible Reading Plan**

Numbers 18-21

September Memory Verses: Numbers 16:46-50

**2 Corinthians 5:18-21**

*18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 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.*

**BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:**

If you have not done so already, please register from the [www.apollobaptist.org](http://www.apollobaptist.org) home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. This registration will last through 12/25/2022. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

**Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:**

- PRAYING for Nathan and Becky Fagerlie's ministry in Southeast Asia.

**Pray for Our Church Family Needs:**

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:  
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Arizona
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus  
Marge D. – Salvation for son, Matthew
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:  
Family of Phyllis W.; Paul W. & family (aunt), family of Joan S.; Anne W.-B. & family (husband); Sherri O. (uncle); and Barbara K. (husband)
- Those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:  
Michelle L. (health issues); Leon V. (chemo); Ken & Darlene R. (health issues); Twila D. (serious health issues); Wayne D. (serious health issues); Debbie B. (radiation treatments); Debbie P. (health issues); Ann C.-W. (health issues); John E. (eyelid cancer/kidney issues); Michelle La (health issues), Jim M. (recovery from arm injury & surgery); and Mary R. (transplant recovery)
- Others that you are aware of