

I. We are weak

II. 3 Views of our weakness

- a. The reality of our weakness (vs 7-9)
- b. Our reaction to our weakness (vs 10-12)
- c. The reward for our weakness (vs 14-18)

III. View #1 – The reality of our weakness

- a. 2 Cor 4:7 “treasure” is “The light of the knowledge of the _____ of God in the face of _____
 - i. This is the gospel
 - ii. Kept in “clay jars”
 1. The focus should always be in the truth of the _____ not the one who bears it.
 2. To show that the _____ belongs to God and not us.
- b. Paul’s (and our) frailty is described in vs 8-9

IV. View #2 – The reaction to our weakness

- a. Despite his infirmities and lack of ability, Paul is a _____ for this treasure
- b. Paul is dying two ways
 - i. He literally dying
 - ii. He is dying to _____
 1. We have to _____ participate in dying to ourselves
 - iii. Paul’s reaction to the reality of the treasure he has received is to _____ Christ in all he does.

V. View #3 - The reward for our weakness (2 Cor 4:13-18)

- a. By the power of the Holy Spirit working in us, God gets the glory and we get blessed.

VI. Sabbatical – We return on Nov 3.