

**“Hard Pressed Faith”**  
**Series: Beautifully Broken**

Text: **2 Corinthians 4:7-12**

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Series Key Verse: *Psalm 56:8 “You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book.”*

Sermon Key Text: *2 Corinthians 4:7-12* <sup>7</sup>“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. <sup>8</sup>“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup>“persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. <sup>10</sup>“We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. <sup>11</sup>“For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. <sup>12</sup>“So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.”

**I. LEARN \_\_\_\_\_ WE ARE**

*Psalm 8:3-5* <sup>3</sup>“When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, <sup>4</sup> “what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? <sup>5</sup>“You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.”

**II. LEAN ON HIS \_\_\_\_\_**

*2 Corinthians 1:20* “For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.”

**A. PRESSURE CANNOT \_\_\_\_\_US**

*James 1:12* “Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.”

**B. CONFUSION CANNOT \_\_\_\_\_US**

*Romans 5:5* “And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.”

**C. PERSECUTION WILL NOT \_\_\_\_\_US**

*Revelation 2:10* “Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

**D. DEATH WILL NOT \_\_\_\_\_US**

*1 Thessalonians 4:14* “We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.”

**III. LIVE FOR \_\_\_\_\_**

*1 Peter 1:3* “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”