

# *Dealing with the Daily Grind*

2 Corinthians 4:1-9  
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## Introduction

- Unrealistic view of life and ministry
- Struggles with the “daily grind”
- Initial thrill at Corinth has worn off; reality has set in
- Paul’s answer to the drain from the “daily grind”—2 Corinthians 4

## *The Daily Grind*

### **A. Replace Idealism with a Realistic View of Ministry**

1. Ministry is a **PRIVILEGE**—4:1
  - a. Difference between “mercy” and “grace”
  - b. Paul’s experience of God’s Mercy—1 Timothy 1
  - c. Our experience of God’s Mercy
2. Ministry is a **PARTNERSHIP**—4:2, 5-6
  - a. Our Part is to “share the gospel” in a clear, commendable way.
    - 1) By our lifestyle—v. 2
    - 2) By our lips—v. 5 Simple Message:
      - a. Christ crucified
      - b. Jesus is Lord
  - b. God’s Part—v. 6
3. Ministry is **NOT PROBLEM FREE**—4:3-4, 7-9
  - a. Expect Satanic Opposition—vv. 3-4
  - b. Accept human frailty—“jars of clay”—v. 7
  - c. Live and minister in a fallen world—the “daily grind”
    - 1) STRESS
    - 2) PERPLEXITY
    - 3) OPPOSITION
    - 4) FAILURE

### **B. Learn to Trust God in the “daily grind”**

1. God’s Purpose for the “daily grind”—so that we might trust Him.
2. God’s Limits of the “daily grind”—so that we might not give up.