

**Sermon Review**  
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**“We Are Survivors”**  
*II Corinthians 4: 5-10*

Surviving the pressures of life is not of or by our own strength. The ability to withstand the challenges and problems of life in all actuality is a gift from God. We all have seen and known of people and even in some instances ourselves that had to fight simply to stay alive so that God's plan for our lives could and would become a reality. That makes you a survivor. Whether it was the Hebrews who found themselves enslaved to the Egyptians, the Africans who were kidnapped and brought to the America's to build a nation, or even those in the early church such as the apostle Paul who underwent hardship after hardship to preach, teach and spread the gospel, all are survivors. God in His divine plan for each of their purposes would not be denied. Paul gives us the encouragement and inspiration for today to remember from our past experiences and therefore keep on keeping on. He tells us in this scripture even though we are pressed on every side we still are not crush. In essence as long as we are still breathing we must keep doing God will. Even though we are perplexed and our thoughts are unclear, we will not be in despair and we will cling to the hope we have in Jesus. All of us have been falsely accused and persecuted unjustly, God has promised never to leave us abandoned and alone. We have all been knocked to our knees, but regardless of others aggression at and towards us we were not destroyed. Indeed we are survivors. Pressing on to a higher calling in Christ. Living the life he would have us live, despite of the obstacles. We must intentionally remember our problems only come to make us stronger and that God we never allow our circumstances to be more than we can bear. My word to all, is simply hold to Gods unchanging hand and be a survivor as well as a true witness.

In His Service,

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