

Jars of Faithfulness

2 Corinthians 11:1-33

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It seems to be in our nature to be dissatisfied and always on the hunt for what is bigger, better (easier), brighter, and more beautiful.

- ✓ Paul knew what it was to be misunderstood (7-15)
- ✓ Paul knew what it was to be misrepresented (16-21a)
- ✓ Paul knew what it was to be mistreated (21b-33)

We could all say that Paul had reasons to give up on the Corinthians and ministry. But God had called him, and he loved them, and he refused to quit on them or on ministry.

Satan finds satisfaction in our dissatisfaction if it leads to our unfaithfulness.

- I. Watch Out for Snakes (Genesis 3:1-3)
 - A. They question God's Word.
 - B. They deny God's Word.
 - C. They substitute for God's Word.

- II. Know What You Believe (4)
 - A. About Jesus
 - B. About the Holy Spirit
 - C. About the Gospel

- III. Thank God Someone Cares (5-6)
 - A. Paul wanted them to know he was there.
 - B. Paul wanted them to know he cared.
 1. Pray for someone to care.
 2. Seek out someone to care.
 - a. Proverbs 27:17
 - b. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
 3. Allow someone to care.

So What?

- Satan uses our dissatisfaction and our unfaithfulness against us.
- We can use our satisfaction and our faithfulness against Satan.

"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)