**HOW NOT TO LOSE HEART IN MINISTRY**

**Life is Hard. God is Good!** **2 Corinthians 4:1-6**

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[1] Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry,
we do not lose heart. [2] Rather, we have renounced secret and
shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort
the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth
plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in
the sight of God. [3] And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled
to those who are perishing. [4] The god of this age has blinded
the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of
the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image
of God. [5] For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ
as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. [6] For
God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light
shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of
God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

***2 Corinthians 4:1-6 (NIV)***

**The WHY of our ministry should be:**