Meet Your Psychiatrist: He Helps You Live by Faith
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I. Introduction.
   A. Text: 2 Corinthians 4.
   B. Our biggest temptation is to quit in the midst of suffering.
   C. Paul encourages people to trust God.
   D. We stand and walk by faith in the midst of trials. (2 Corinthians 5:7, Psalm 116:10)
   E. We all need faith if not for ourselves, then for others.
   F. There are four words that summarizes the work of the Spirit in the area of faith. Treasure plus trouble plus trust equals testimony.

II. Treasure.
   A. We are important to God—we are his treasure house.
   B. This treasure is in something fragile—an earthen vessel.

III. Trouble.
   A. Treasure leads to trouble.
   B. God permits trouble so that we will value the treasure over the vessel. He wants us to value the giver over the gift.
   C. God permits trouble to bring him glory. The treasure comes out in the midst of suffering.
   D. God permits trouble so that we might comfort other people.

IV. Trust.
   A. When trouble comes the Holy Spirit gives us faith if we let him.
   B. Doubt is vacillating, but it is not doubt. Doubt is rebellion. We need faith in the midst of doubt. (Hebrews 3)
   C. Faith is a miracle. The Spirit generates faith through the Word of God.
   D. The secret is to get one's eyes off of circumstances and get one's eyes on God's Word.

V. Testimony.
   A. We believe; therefore, we speak.
   B. We need to hear if God has given someone faith for something. (Psalm 116)
Application questions:

1. Why does God permit trouble?

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2. When have you experienced faith from God in the midst of trouble?

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