



# Treasuring Jesus

*2 Corinthians 4:7-12*



What do  
you  
treasure?

# The Culture of Corinth

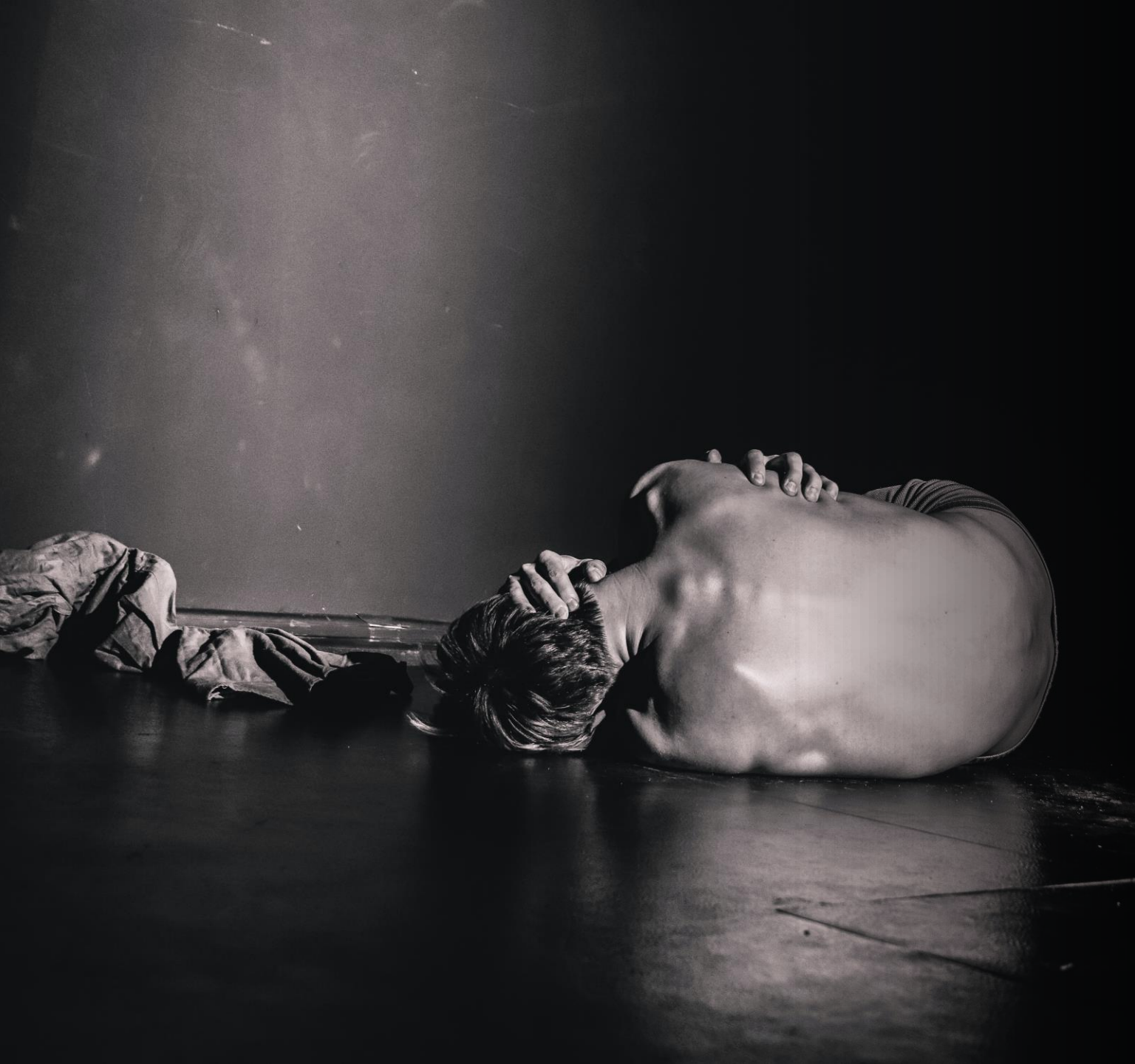




# The Church at Corinth

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

**10** We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. **11** For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. **12** So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you (2 Cor. 4:7-12).



“Though we experience every kind of pressure, we’re not crushed. At times we don’t know what to do, but quitting is not an option. We are persecuted by others, but God has not forsaken us. We may be knocked down, but not out” (4:8-9).

“We continually  
share in the death  
of Jesus in our  
own bodies...”







My weakness

+

God's power

=

God's power

Knowing God through encountering His Son face-to-face, meaning unfiltered, unhindered, without barrier,  
**IS THE TREASURE.**

Do you know **Jesus** in that way?



Any **treasure** that competes for our affection other than **Jesus** is an **idol** and it's the **idolatry** in our hearts that render us powerLESS as followers of **Jesus**.



Suffering surfaces anything our heart treasures that is rooted in something other than Him.



Does **Jesus** have any rivals in your heart?



Treasure **Jesus** above everything.

“ So, then, death is at work in us, but it *releases life* in you” (4:12).



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