

**MESSAGE TITLE: TRIUMPH IN CHRIST AS HIS MINISTERS THROUGH US!**

**HOW IS YOUR PERSONAL MINISTRY GOING?**  
**HOW FAITHFUL TO YOUR CALLING ARE YOU?**

**TEXT 2Co 2:14-16** *Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. [15] For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. [16] To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things?*

*2Co 3:5-6 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, [6] 2Co 3:6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*

*2Co 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

**INTRODUCTION:**

**Thailand – Asia** Persecution ranging widely – N Korea, Pakistan, Indonesia, India; none in Japan, Thailand; ministering to the various conditions

**Hong Kong/China** – Difference between lessening; tightening of religious freedom; registering churches? Best ways to present gospel and teach the Word.

**Israel** – Jesus is God! Repeated love – keep coming back! Street ministry to homeless. Much to be seen through lens of Scripture – Russia, Iran, Turkey coming together first time. Struck by secularism and religious clinging to old covenant traditions

**Cyprus** - Tremendous rapid changes in the Middle East. Iraq, ISIS, Kurds, refugees; ways of ministry. Quickly passing out tracts with offer of Bibles

**Possible change for missions! Change in visas – more concentration on nationals?**

**We need to pray and serve as the Lord calls! More than ever!**

**HOW IS YOUR PERSONAL MINISTRY GOING?**

**HOW CLOSELY ARE YOU WALKING WITH HIM?**

**LOOKING BACK ABIT, HOW EVIDENT IS THE PRESENCE OF THE WORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR LIFE? WHAT DIFFERENCE IF THE HOLY SPIRIT WERE REMOVED?**

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**OUR SUFFICIENCY!**

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**WE'RE BEING TRANSFORMED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

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**BECOMING MORE CHRIST LIKE!**

**HOW FAITHFUL TO YOUR CALLING ARE YOU?**

- *1Co 4:1 Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 1Co 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.*
- HOW FAITHFUL TO YOUR CALLING ARE YOU?
- BEGIN EVERY DAY WORSHIP; READING HIS WORD, PRAYER - ASKING TO BE AVAILABLE
- BE AWARE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THAT HE WILL GIVE YOU
- **GREATLY REJOICE**. - SO WHAT IS THERE **TO GREATLY REJOICE** ABOUT?
- FOR THE VICTORY THAT HE HAS GIVEN US! WE'VE WON, ALL BECAUSE OF WHAT HE HAD DONE FOR AND THROUGH US!