

Staying Power in the Super Bowl Called Life **2 Corinthians 4:8-12**

Introduction: Paul's example demonstrates how the Christian is sustained in the face of adversity, not once a year or even for a few weeks of the year but throughout a lifetime.

I. We are Hard Pressed but not Crushed "Blitzed but not Sacked" (v. 8a)

II. We are Perplexed but not Despairing "Burned out but not Burned Up" (v. 8b)

III. We are Persecuted but not Abandoned "Hunted Down but not Killed" (v. 9a)

IV. We are Struck Down but not Destroyed "Knocked Down but not Out" (v. 9b)

Conclusion: Looking at our world and our life...our circumstances, what is being revealed about you and me? What is being revealed about what we believe and who or what we believe in?