2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Points from the Message:

a) God uses humble faithfulness in _____ to pronounce His power and reality.

b) The service of the Christ was His substitutionary _____.

c) The _____ of faithfulness point to the promise of glory.

Four Challenges for 2024:

1) Be _____ to God.

2) Follow Jesus _____.

3) _____ with self-denial.

4) Count the _____.

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***Discussion for the drive home*:**

- In the message, Pastor Mike discussed the difference between Paul's ministry and the ideals of the "super-apostles." What are some ways that the ideals of the "super-apostles" still creep into Christian lives today?

- What are some differences between the message of reconciliation and the "messages" (or pursuits) of the Tri-Valley and greater Bay Area?

***Resources to check out*:**

Your Strength Will Fail: Why God Gives Us More Than We Can Handle, by Jon Bloom
An article from *Desiring God*, Bloom breaks down 2 Corinthians 1:9 to explain the purpose of affliction.

Second Corinthians: Paradox of the Cross, Tim Mackie & Whitney Woollard
An article from *The Bible Project*, Mackie and Woollard discuss the paradox of the cross and the "cruciform life."

Suggested Memory Verse:

2 Corinthians 8:9: All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.