



**Exchange: My Competence for His                      2 Corinthians 3:1 - 4:12**

1) What's on your \_\_\_\_\_? (Paul's confidence is based on supernatural fruit produced by God through him.)

2) What's your \_\_\_\_\_ to life? (Paul's ministry is based on supernatural transformation, not human effort.)

Old Covenant = \_\_\_\_\_

New Covenant = \_\_\_\_\_

3) What's your \_\_\_\_\_ of success? (Paul's life reflects both human weakness and supernatural power.)

**APPLICATION:**

- Your \_\_\_\_\_?
- Your \_\_\_\_\_?

# My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. When you feel confident, what is your confidence based on? What can undermine your confidence?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 3:4-5. What do you think Paul means when he says, “Our competence comes from God”?
3. How is a life focused on proving your own competence similar to living under the legalism of the Old Testament law? What is the appeal of approaching life this way?
4. How do you measure success?
  - Are you more concerned about what people think of you, or what they think of Christ because of you?
  - When you describe “your best day,” are you focused on your own comfort and enjoyment or bringing spiritual freedom and transformation to others?
5. What practical steps could you take to exchange your competence for God’s?



## Memory Verse

*“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.”*