

# Take Out Gospel

## *Message Handout*

**2 Corinthians 2:14–16 (ESV)** - 14 But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. 15 For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, 16 to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?

**2 Corinthians 3:3 (ESV)** - 3 And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

**2 Corinthians 4:7–10 (ESV)** - 7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. 8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

**2 Corinthians 5:20 (ESV)** - 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

### 1. Carry the VICTORY out

1. Roman symbolism
2. Paul saw himself in the parade.
3. God has called you to demonstrate the victory of Jesus Christ.

### 2. Carry the PRESENCE out

1. The smell at a victory parade
  1. Some loved it! They were accustomed to smelling it as a sign of life and victory
  2. Some hated it! Every time they smelled it, it reminded them of judgment.
2. Your life is and should be the continual smell of Christ.
3. Connecting Aroma with Presence
  1. A smell precedes someone and lingers behind them.
  2. A smell signifies proximity with another -
  3. Does your life smell like you have been with Jesus?
4. "What's your fragrance."

### 3. Carry the MESSAGE out

1. We live in a review culture
2. YOU ARE THE REVIEW ABOUT CHRIST
3. Your very lifestyle is the message about Christianity
  1. Your attitude
  2. Your integrity
  3. Your relationships
  4. Your priorities
5. YOU ARE THE REVIEW

### 4. Carry the GRACE out

1. When Paul talks about clay vessels, he is talking about his frailty.
2. The way you endure is shining!

### 5. Carry the AUTHORITY

1. Ambassadors of a country
  1. They have authority on behalf of the country they represent.
  2. You have authority in the Kingdom of God!
2. **Matthew 16:19 (ESV) — 19** I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
3. **Mark 11:23 (NLT) — 23** I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, ‘May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart.
4. **John 20:23 (NLT) — 23** If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”
5. YOU HAVE AUTHORITY