# heavyWAITS

 <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.
<sup>7</sup> We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.



<sup>8</sup> We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair.

- <sup>9</sup> We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.
  - <sup>10</sup> Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.
    <sup>11</sup> Yes, we live under constant danger of death because we serve Jesus, so that the life of Jesus will be evident in our dying bodies.
    <sup>12</sup> So we live in the face of death, but this has resulted in eternal life for you.



# Suffering versus Persecution?





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# The true test of a cruciformed life is not stars, but scars



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