

# The Pressures we Face

1 Corinthians 4.1-12

# engkakeō

- Discouraged
- Get tired (Luther)
- Neglect our tasks (Barrett)
- Despair (Lietzmann)
- Act in cowardly way (Bultmann)
- Distaste or aversion (Baumert)
- The feeling a woman gets before labour

## 2 Corinthians 2:15

- For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing;

# Options for God of this age

- Satan
- God who blinds and illuminates
- Forces of the age

# Content of Paul's proclamation

- Jesus
- Christ
- Lord

# Paul's pairings

- Under pressure
- At a loss
- Restricted
- Entirely at a loss

## 2 Corinthians 1.8

- We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself.

# Paul's pairings

- Under pressure
  - At a loss
  - Either pursued
    - Or driven out
  - Felled to ground
- Restricted
  - Entirely at a loss
  - Not overtaken
    - Not abandoned
  - Not killed

# Christ's death in the body

- 2 Corinthians 1:5 For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.
- Colossians 1:24 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.