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**BUT WE HAVE THIS TREASURE IN CLAY JARS, SO THAT IT MAY BE MADE CLEAR THAT THIS EXTRAORDINARY POWER BELONGS TO GOD AND DOES NOT COME FROM US.**

***2 CORINTHIANS 4:7***

## **We are in Tension with our Calling**

God of the cross,  
through your beloved Son Jesus  
you know and feel the suffering  
of our hurting humanity.  
You know what it is like to be  
disappointed,  
confused,  
hurt,  
drawn to things that don't bring fullness of life,  
and unsure of where the path  
will lead next.  
Yet through every moment of tension,  
you continue to call us  
to be people of faith and service.  
You never leave us to  
suffer alone.  
You take up the cross  
with us,  
for us,  
for the sake of your call to us  
in us,  
so that when the time comes,  
we too may rise again  
with you in your glory.  
Keep us WITH you,  
always and forever.  
Amen.

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## **Exploration Questions**

- How has your quest for significance in life helped or hurt your ability to live inot your callings?
- How do you experience your callings as both burden and blessing?
- How do you think our tension with our callings reflects our broken world?
- How have you been called to be “with”?
- What would you like to ask God about your callings?