

## Deacon's Beacons

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

No one ever said that it would be easy to be a true follower of Christ. Just look at what Jesus endured. It is not easy but it is possible. We see that in the witness of the martyrs who embraced death because of their commitment to Christ. We probably will not suffer the same fate and maybe that is a bad thing. Even though there is increasing cultural opposition to Christianity, it is still safe. And the primary opposition is due to those who dishonor the name of Christian by how they wear it. Jesus says to love one another, not to judge one another.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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