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2 Corinthians 2:17

For we are not, like so many, peddlers of <u>God's</u> word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God <u>we speak</u> in Christ.

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² But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with **God's word**, but by the open statement of **the truth** we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

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2 Corinthians 4:1-6

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

⁵ For what we **proclaim** is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, **who said**, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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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.

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⁴ Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. ⁵ Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶ who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but <u>of the Spirit</u>. For the letter kills, but <u>the Spirit gives life</u>.

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¹⁷ Now **the Lord is the Spirit**, and where **the Spirit of the Lord** is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from **the Lord who is the Spirit**.

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2 Corinthians 1:11

You also must help us **by prayer**, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

These people out here are not only ignorant and superstitious. They have a heathen atmosphere all about them. One can actually feel it. We are not dealing with an enemy that fires at the head only—i.e. keeps the mind only in ignorance—but with an enemy who uses GAS ATTACKS which wrap the people round with deadly effect, and yet are impalpable, elusive.



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What would you think of the folly of the soldier who fired a gun into the gas, to kill it or drive it back? Nor would it be of any more avail to teach or preach to the Lisu here, while they are held back by these invisible forces. Poisonous gas cannot be dispersed, I suppose, in any other way than by the wind springing up and dispersing it. MAN is powerless.



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For the breath of God can blow away all those miasmic vapours from the atmosphere of a village, in answer to your prayers. We are not fighting against flesh and blood. You deal with the fundamental issues of this Lisu work when you pray against 'the principalities, the powers, the world-rulers of this darkness, the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenlies' (Eph. 6:12).





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2 Corinthians 1:19

... the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom <u>we</u> proclaimed among you, <u>Silvanus and</u>
<u>Timothy and I</u> ...

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2 Corinthians 2:12-13

¹² When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord, ¹³ my spirit was not at rest **because I did not find my brother Titus** there. So I took leave of them and went on to Macedonia.

2 Corinthians 7:6

But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us **by the coming of Titus**.

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¹¹ For we who live are always being **given over to death** for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

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¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

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I was much troubled over all this, but was brought back to peace of heart by remembering that, though the work is bound to be slow, it may be none the less sure for all that. My mistake has too often been that of too much haste. But it is not the people's way to hurry, nor is it God's way either....



Rome was not built in a day, nor will the work of building up a strong, well-instructed body of Lisu Christians ... be the work of a day either.



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Preparation, delay and growth are characteristics of God's working both in history and in nature.... 'The husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it.'

A gourd may spring up in a night, but not an oak.



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