Speaking the Gospel to Ourselves

(David Riddell)

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

INTRODUCTION

- Something totally new
- **Main point**:

THE CENTRALITY OF THE CROSS

"For our sake <u>He made Him to be sin who knew no sin</u>, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." (5:21)

- 1. A known context
- 2. God's initiative
 - Genesis 3:15
 - Leviticus 16:21-22
 - John 1:29
- 3. The first memory aide:

THE UNBELIEVABLE GIFT

"For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."

- 1. A variety of commitments
- 2. Our struggle
- 3. The second memory aide:

THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF STAYING SILENT

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal <u>through us</u>. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." (5:20)

1. The third memory aide:

CONCLUSION