



Scripture

II Corinthians 4:1-6

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I've been trying to keep up with all of these great expectations

So I keep on faking

We're secretly out of control, nobody knows it

But my mom's got a problem with oxy's and she's angry

Cause my dad's office door's always closed

But I stopped knocking...

Cause there's some things I don't wanna know
We're secretly out of control, nobody says it
When the class president overdosed, we all pretended
It was rare, it was shocking and all the town was talking
Yeah, we're secretly out of control and everyone knows
Oh, it's morning in America

~**“Morning in America” by Jon Bellion**

**I. Don't Lose Motivation, Lose Manipulation
(v.1-4)**

**II. Don't Preach Yourself, Preach Christ
(v. 5-6)**

The glory is not the glory of a painting or even a sunset. Those are only analogies. They are too static and lifeless. The spiritual beauty of Christ is Christ-in-action—Christ loving, and Christ touching lepers, and Christ blessing children, and healing the crippled, and raising the dead, and commanding demons, and teaching with unrivaled authority, and silencing the skeptics, and rebuking his disciples, and predicting the details of his death, and setting his face like flint toward Jerusalem, and weeping over the city, and silent before his accusers, and meekly sovereign over Pilate, and crucified, and praying for his enemies,...

and forgiving a thief, and caring for his mother while in agony, and giving up his spirit in death, and rising from the dead—“No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again” (John 10:18). Such is the glory of Christ.

~John Piper, God is the Gospel