

# **WIDEN YOUR HEART**

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

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# RECAP + ROADMAP

## Recap

- Chapter 1 & 2 – Triumphant Ministry
- Chapter 3 – Never Quit
- Chapter 4 – Light in Jars of Clay
- Chapter 5 – New Creations/Ambassadors

## Roadmap

- Salvation is Here (Vs. 1-3)
- Marks of Ministry (Vs. 4-10)
- Widen Your Heart (Vs. 11-13)

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