

## TREASURE IN JARS OF CLAY

2 Corinthians 4:7-12 // Dr. Ron Jones

*The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Arise, and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” JEREMIAH 18:1-6 ESV*

*For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are but dust.” PSALM 103:14*

*But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. 2 CORINTHIANS 4:7 ESV*

### **Ironies in the Christian Life**

- The \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_. 2 COR 12:9
- The \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_. 1 COR 1:27-29
- The \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_. LUKE 14:11
- The \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_. PSALM 51:17

The phrase “this treasure” describes ...

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*But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear my name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.” ACTS 9:15 NKJV*

## Because We Are Cracked Pots

1. God is glorified when \_\_\_\_\_ flows through our \_\_\_\_\_.

*But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.* 2 CORINTHIANS 4:7 ESV

2. We may be \_\_\_\_\_ but we are never \_\_\_\_\_.

*We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;<sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.* 2 CORINTHIANS 2:8-9 ESV

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ means \_\_\_\_\_ to us.

*Always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.<sup>11</sup> 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.<sup>12</sup> So death is at work in us, but life in you.* 2 CORINTHIANS 4:10-12  
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*And [Jesus] said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."* LUKE 9:23 ESV