

# “Jars of Clay”

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2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-18



# 2 Corinthians

## Treasure in clay jars



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- What does it mean to be jars of clay?
  - How we respond to the knowledge that we are like jars of clay?

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**“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. <sup>8</sup> We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.” 2 Corinthians 4:7-9**

# Jars are...

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- Beautiful
- Functional
- Breakable

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But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup> That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

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And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest  
place  
and gave him the name that is above every  
name”

Philippians 2:8-9

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**Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.** <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18





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<sup>4</sup> ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Revelation 21:4



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