

# Jars of Clay

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*2 Cor 4:5-11*



2 Cor 4:7

But we have **this treasure** in *jars of clay*, to show that **the surpassing power** belongs to God and not to us.

Jars of Clay?

What treasure?



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A metaphor for human weakness

Frail and Unadorned

It's not about us,  
its about the treasure.



# The Treasure

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, **but Jesus Christ as Lord**, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. (v5)

“...has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of **the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**. (v6)



# The Treasure

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;  
(vv8-9)



# The Treasure

always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, **so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.** 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.** (vv10-11)



# His Power in Our Weakness

1 Cor 1:27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

2 Cor 12:9 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 of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.



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“I think it may be safely said that God is still looking for men who know their own insufficiencies so well that He can perform the miraculous through them.”

