

Treasures in Earthen Vessels

Good morning family. I trust that you are good. We have made it through Lockdown, and we are still standing, and it's only by His grace.

The apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 4:7 says: "But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 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. So, death is at work in us, but life in you."

Paul says, "We are like" jars of clay," with a "treasure inside." Our bodies are beautiful, but easily breakable. Our bodies are temporary housing places for the treasure God has given us, namely, "the light of the Gospel that, displays the glory of Christ." The treasure that we are privileged to hold is the "Knowledge of our Creator through His Son, Jesus Christ."

Paul reminds us, even when, "We are afflicted in every way, but we are not crushed, perplexed, but not forsaken, struck down, but not destroyed" (v 8-10).

Paul was not afraid of suffering, because he knew that God would guard the vessel, as long as he was guarding the treasure in him.

If there's one thing that we must remember as we face challenges is this: "God permits trials, He controls trials, and God uses trials for His own glory." God is glorified, through weakness, perhaps it would be wise to acknowledge our weakness, and allows God to be your courage.

J. Hudson said, "All God's giants have been weak men who did great things for God, because they reckoned on Him being with them."

Take a moment this morning to "draw near Him and He will draw near to you," (James 4:8), and rest in His presence.