

The Glory of Being a Clay Pot

The good news of Jesus is designed to be an earthquake in our lives. This good news is supposed to change everything important. If it hasn't, then perhaps we should look deeper.

Scripture(s): 2 Corinthians 4:5-11

I. The first way God uses us in our limited state to show the wonder of God is we point to _____, not ourselves. We proclaim _____, not church, ourselves, a morality, or just a fellowship.

2 Corinthians 5:14-20 14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. 16 Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer. ... 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

✓ Point people to Jesus on _____.

II. The second way God uses us in our limited state to show the wonder of God is God has saved _____ as us! God is able to say, "Let light shine out of darkness," and he says that over and over again through _____.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 26 For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; 27 but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, 28 and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, 29 so that no man may boast before God. 30 But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, 31 so that, just as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord."

✓ Have _____ that God has on _____ called you to be used to shine for Him.

III. The third way God uses us in our limited state to show the wonder of God is the recurring miracle that broken down jars of clay shine _____ for Jesus! Through our _____, God shows how powerful He is.

2 Timothy 2:8-10 8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel, 9 for which I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal; but the word of God is not imprisoned. 10 For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.

✓ See your struggles as the _____ opportunity for God to shine through you.

Remember this - That God would save and then long to use us is an _____ moving truth that changes everything.

Our challenge: Begin to face every struggle from this starting point: God's extravagant love for me is _____ so now I shall...

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