

**Strong when I am Weak**  
**“Treasures in Jars of Clay”**  
**2 Corinthians 4:7-12**  
**September 21, 2025**

**Sermon Points:**

**1. The Paradox of Power in Weakness**

- Jars of Clay (v.7):
  - Ordinary, fragile, and common—like us.Designed to show that power comes from God, not ourselves.
- All-Surpassing Power (v.7):
  - God’s power resides in us—the same power that raised Christ from the dead.

**2. The Reality of Suffering and Strength (vv.8–9)**

- Pressed but Not Crushed:
  - Life’s pressures do not define or destroy us.
- Perplexed but Not in Despair:
  - Confusion doesn’t lead to hopelessness.
- Persecuted but Not Abandoned:
  - God remains present even in opposition.
- Struck Down but Not Destroyed:
  - Resilience comes from Christ’s life within us.

**3. The Purpose: Christ’s Life Revealed (vv.10–12)**

- Carrying the Death of Jesus (v.10):
  - Our suffering identifies us with Christ’s death.
- Revealing the Life of Jesus (v.11):
  - God’s power is most visible in our weakness.
- Life at Work in Others (v.12):
  - Our trials become testimonies that bring life to others.

**4. Living as Clay Jars with Eternal Treasure**

- Shift in Perspective:
  - See difficulties as opportunities for God’s power to be displayed.
- Hope Rooted in Resurrection:
  - Our hope isn’t in circumstances but in Christ’s victory over death.
- Faith in Action:
  - Trust God’s promises when situations seem hopeless.

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**Believe in God’s word**

**Personal Notes**

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