

Study Guide

Sunday November 1, 2020

“Broken Vessels”

1. → 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 11 For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. 12 So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

2. Points to Remember

- A. Handling increase pressure is how we move to the next level.
- B. We never know what God's training is preparing us for.
- C. Without new challenges we tend to stay in the same place too long.
- D. God's deepest work is always done during the difficult times.
- E. Part of life is learning to treasure the trials we have overcome.
- F. Even when we are isolated God never leaves our side.

3. Bible Verses

Isaiah 42:3-4 A bruised reed he will not break
Genesis 50:19-20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good
James 1:2-3 Consider it pure joy, whenever you face trials
Genesis 32:24-25 Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled
1 Samuel 21:9 The sword of Goliath the Philistine
John 14:17-18 I will not leave you as orphans

4. Discussion Questions

- A. Are there trials in your life that you have a hard time forgetting?
- B. What difficult times have become a positive influence in your life?
- C. What is the deepest thing God is working on in you right now?