

# TREASURES IN JARS OF CLAY

2 Corinthians 4:7-11; 16-18

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## Intro:

1. The shape of our lives
2. The shape of Paul's life

## A. THE CONTENT OF OUR LIVES

1. God's **promises** (v. 7a)
2. God's **power** (v. 7b)

## B. THE CONTAINER OF OUR LIVES

1. We face **affliction** (v. 4a)
2. We face **anguish** (v. 4b)
3. We face **adversity** (v. 9a)
4. We face **attacks** (v. 9b)

## C. THE CHARACTER OF OUR LIVES

1. **Accept** things we cannot change (v. 16)
2. **Believe** that these things will come to pass (v. 17)
3. **Concentrate** on things that are eternal (v. 18)

## Conclusion

## TABLETALK QUESTIONS

1. How would you describe your current life right now: linear or nonlinear? How has this Covid-19 pandemic changed the shape of your life?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 4:7. What is the treasure Paul is implying to in this text? How do these treasures manifest in our daily living?
3. *Jars of clay* are also translated in other translations as *earthen vessels*. How would you describe the characteristics of these objects?
4. Read carefully 2 Corinthians 4:8-12 and observe the different ways Paul described challenges in his life. Can you share some of his challenges that you can relate or have experienced?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. Now that we've observed and interpreted what the passage has to say, it's time to talk about what it means for us. How do we apply what we just learned to everyday life?
6. Close the Life Group meeting by praying for one another.