



## **WE HAVE THIS TREASURE - May 2021**

We almost always are drawn to the thing that has the best packaging. The best-selling books are usually purchased based on the appearance of the front cover. But the greatest gifts often have the most unlikely packaging. God did not see a need to “package” Jesus when He came as a man to this earth. Jesus was not embarrassed to live as an earthen vessel. The verses below teach us, however, that our imperfect humanity is no hindrance to God’s holy purpose. A person’s flaws, scars, chips, and cracks allow the presence of an all-sufficient God to leak out. God chose to put His light and glory in the everyday dishes, not in the fine china!

### **Scriptures to Ponder:**

*We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves. We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies. Yes, we live under constant danger of death because we serve Jesus, so that the life of Jesus will be evident in our dying bodies. 2 Corinthians 4:7-11*

*We are sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything. 2 Corinthians 6:10*

What do think it means to say we are fragile jars containing a great treasure?

Think of all the areas in your life that you wish were different. In what areas do you feel inadequate?

Is there anything you are presently involved with that is impacting the future as well as eternity?

Quote of Day: "I was but a pen in God's hand, and what praise is due to a pen?"  
(Richard Baxter)

