



SERMON OUTLINE MAY 17, 2015

## “God Has a Use for Cracked Pots”

2 Corinthians 4:7; 1 Peter 3:15

INTRODUCTION: *How does it feel to be called a ‘cracked pot’??*

- I. EARTHEN VESSELS/CRACKED POTS ARE ORDINARY
  - A. Ordinary, but called by God (1 Corinthians 1:26)
  - B. Called to carry God’s treasure to the world (2 Corinthians 4:5 & 10)
  - C. The treasure we carry is Jesus
- II. LET’S LOOK AT THE TREASURE WE CRACKED POTS CARRY
  - A. God is **with us** (Matthew 1:23; Hosea 11:9)
  - B. God is **for us** (Philippians 2:2-8)
  - C. God is **in us** (Colossians 1:27; Galatians 2:20)
  - D. We carry this treasure to others (2 Corinthians 4:7)
- III. WHAT ARE EARTHEN VESSELS/CRACKED POTS LIKE
  - A. They are **fragile**, but God’s grace strengthens them (2 Cor. 12:9-10)
  - B. They are **fallible**, but God still uses them
  - C. They are **functional**, God has a job for them
  - D. God calls “Clark Kents”, not supermen
- IV. THE TREASURE WE CARRY IS HOPE IN JESUS CHRIST (1 Peter 3:15)
  - A. What does that hope “look like” in real life situations
  - B. Consider: abortion
  - C. Consider: homosexuality
  - D. Consider: broken marriages or wayward children

CONCLUSION:

*Hope in Christ for a prostitute . . . A St. Louis ghetto in 1977*