

Cracked Pots & Earthen Vessels

(2 Corinthians 4:7; 1 Peter 3:15)

INTRODUCTION: **Hey!...**

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 Corinthians 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, homosexuality, broken families

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

