

**SERMON:** 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," is the same one who made light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>We hold this treasure in clay jars to show that its extraordinary power is from God and not from us. <sup>8</sup>We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; perplexed, yet not despairing; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, yet not forsaken; struck down, yet not destroyed. <sup>10</sup>We always carry around in our body the death of the Lord Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. <sup>11</sup>To be sure, while we are living we are continually being handed over to death because of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So then, death is working in us, but life is working in you.

**God Works Through Jars Like Us**

**Link to Worship Service (you will need to locate the sermon in the middle):**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pEcIhKdWLCK>

**Sermon Study Guide**

*Contemplate these questions during the sermon and feel free to write your thoughts in the blank spaces.*

- 1. We live in a society that is very "I" focused. It is easy too put too much attention on our own gifts and abilities. Who will the greatest preachers always focus on?**
- 2. What has Jesus, the true light of the world, given us that keeps us humble and focused on who really matters?**

**- Follow Up: How does it do that?**

- 3. Paul refers to proclaimers of the gospel as clay jars. Why is that a good analogy?**
- 4. If we are frail "clay jars", where do we find our strength?**
- 5. Through our fragility we can be even more effective in preaching about Jesus. Why is that?**