

Jars Of Clay

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2 Corinthians 4:7 (ESV)

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, **to show** that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

What is this treasure in us?

Colossians 1:27 (ESV)

This is a mystery, which is **Christ in you!**

In this world **God is releasing HIS surpassing power** through Jars of Clay, individual believers, HIS church.



God has to use “jars of clay” so people will be drawn to God and not to “the jar” carrying the message. Every difficult situation is only a divine opportunity for God to reveal HIS surpassing power and glory through HIS Jar of Clay! Let us look at the OT example of Gideon to see God’s treasure, HIS surpassing power, in a jar of clay.

WITH GIDEON WE SEE GOD’S HAND IN THE MIDST OF OUR DIFFICULTIES. THEY ARE NOT ACCIDENTS.

Judges 6:1 (ESV)

The people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and **the LORD gave them into the hand** of Midian (DIFFICULTIES) seven years.

DIFFICULTIES REQUIRE A JAR OF CLAY TO BE USED FOR GOD’S PURPOSES; IN THIS CASE IT IS GIDEON.

Judges 6:12 (ESV)

And the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon and said to him, **“The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor.”**

WE AS GIDEON, A JAR OF CLAY, USUALLY SEE ONLY THE PROBLEM AND NOT GOD.

Judges 6:13 (ESV)

And Gideon said to him, “Please, my lord, if the LORD is with us, **why then has all this happened to us?**

GOD SEES HIS DIVINE POWER WORKING THROUGH US, THE JAR OF CLAY. JUDGES 6:14 (NIV) GOD SAYS, “Go in the strength you have! Am I not sending you?”

HOWEVER AS GIDEON EVEN WITH A WORD FROM GOD WE OFTEN FOCUS ON OUR WEAKNESSES.

Judges 6:15 (ESV)

Gideon said, "Please, Lord, how can I save Israel?
Behold, my clan is the weakest, and I am the least."

**GOD TELLS GIDEON AND US, THE JAR OF CLAY,
THAT IT IS GOD'S SURPASSING POWER AND NOT OUR
WEAKNESSES THAT IS GOING TO BE REVEALED.**

Judges 6:16 (ESV)

And the LORD said Gideon, "**But I will be with you**, and you shall strike the Midianites (DIFFICULTIES) as one man."

**ONCE GIDEON AND WE TAKE ONE STEP OF FAITH
GOD "PUTS US ON LIKE A SUIT OF CLOTHES"
REVEALING THE SURPASSING POWER OF GOD.**

Judges 6:34 (ESV)

But **the Spirit of the LORD clothed Gideon!**

**LITERALLY, "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD CLOTHED
HIMSELF WITH GIDEON."**

**WHEN THE SURPASSING POWER OF GOD IS
PRESENT GOD MUST REDUCE OUR OUTSIDE
NATURAL RESOURCES AND DEPENDENCES.**

Judges 7:2 (ESV)

The LORD said to Gideon, "**The people with you are too many** for me to give the Midianites into your hand, **lest Israel boast over me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.'**"

**God reduces GIDEON'S army from 32,000 to 300!
WE SEE GIDEION AS GREAT BECAUSE OF THE
SURPASSING POWER OF GOD. THIS IS A LESSON ON
HOW GOD REVEALS HIMSELF. LOOK AT ANOTHER
OT EXAMPLE; MOSES: WE SEE MOSES AS GREAT
BECAUSE OF THE SURPASSING POWER OF GOD.**

Exodus 14:13–16 (ESV)

¹³ And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD! ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you.”

¹⁵ The LORD said to Moses, “Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea (JAR OF CLAY) and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground (THE SURPASSING POWER OF GOD).”



**MOSES AS A JAR OF CLAY REVEALED THE
SURPASSING POWER OF GOD. OVERWHELMING
DIFFICULTIES REVEAL JARS OF CLAY WHO DEPEND
ONLY ON GOD.
GOD NEEDS A “JAR OF CLAY” THAT WILL LIFT THE
STAFF. THEN WITH THAT “JAR OF CLAY” GOD WILL
PART THE RED SEA!**

**Every Red Sea has a Moses
Every Moses has a Red Sea
JARS OF CLAY FULL OF JESUS CAN PART THEIR OWN
RED SEA!**

**WHAT ABOUT YOU? Are you going to be a part of the
fearful multitudes, the whiners, the complainers, or
are you going to be a part of the faithful FEW, part of
the solution; A jar of clay, which the power of God
flows through.**

**AS A JAR OF CLAY, WE RELEASE GOD BY DECLARING
OUR ABSOLUTE BELIEF IN JESUS CHRIST WHO GIVES
US ETERNAL LIFE!**

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but
have eternal life.

Prophetic Team

***Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current
situation or impact the future.***