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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

***2 Cor. 4:7-10 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. (NIV)***

Paul makes a reference to ‘jars of clay.’ He is saying that we are the clay, and the LORD is the potter. The pot has no power of its own. The power comes from what is in the vessel. This is another reminder to us that in our own flesh, we are powerless. But, in His Spirit, we are mighty. There is a significant point made here about those who hold the light of the world inside of them. When the pressures and trials come (and they will), we have His light to lead us through the maze and pitfalls of this world. He will show us what we need to see and guide us through. We may not know which way to turn, but we do know the One Who holds all things in His hands. He will show us everything that we need to know. He is the strength that we need. King David reminds us of this in **Ps. 27:1 *The LORD is my light and my salvation--whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life--of whom shall I be afraid. (NIV)***

Do you recall Gideon and the three hundred men who stood against the army of the Midianites? As they followed the instruction of the LORD, they were to only have three things: a pot of clay, a light (or torch), and a trumpet. No swords, no spears, no bows and arrows, just those three things. When the time came in the middle of the night, they were to smash the pots, hold the torches up and shout ‘for the LORD and for Gideon.’ And that is just what they did. They never lifted a sword, nor did they rush down into the valley. They simply stood and watched the army of Midian annihilate each other. When the sun came up the next morning, there was not one left alive in the camp of the Midianites. Here is a key principle in walking in the Spirit: it is not what we can accomplish, but what He will do through our obedience. The victory comes in complete submission to His will.

**Dear LORD, we hold the most powerful force in the world inside jars of clay. It is Your light. Help us to be obedient to allow You to shine in us and through us as well submit ourselves to You. In Jesus Name, Amen**