

Clay Jars and Eternal Treasure

Video

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(1) Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart.

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2 Corinthians 11:25-27

*beaten with rods...pelted with
stones...shipwrecked ...danger from
thieves...often gone without
sleep...without food... cold....*

2 Corinthians 11:28,29

Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?

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God places the treasure of the gospel in ordinary people so the focus will be on an extraordinary God and not on extraordinary people.

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(11) For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. (12) So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

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Psalm 116

(10) I believed when I said,

I believed; therefore I have spoken.

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(3) The cords of death entangled me... (4) Then I called on the name of the Lord: "Lord, save me!"

Psalm 116

(8) For you, Lord, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, (9) that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

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(15) Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.

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(15) All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God

The very purpose of mankind, to honor and enjoy God, will be fulfilled only when believers are willing to endure suffering for Jesus name.

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(16) Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

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(17) For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

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(18) So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

The only hope for a broken heart is
a long steady look at Jesus.

Do not let tears so fill your eyes that you cannot see the goodness of the Lord.

- Maclaren

