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Genesis 2:7 Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

2 Corinthians 4:16 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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2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

A close-up, soft-focus photograph of a person's face, primarily showing the nose and the area around the eye. The lighting is warm and natural, highlighting the texture of the skin and the bridge of the nose. The background is a plain, light grey color.

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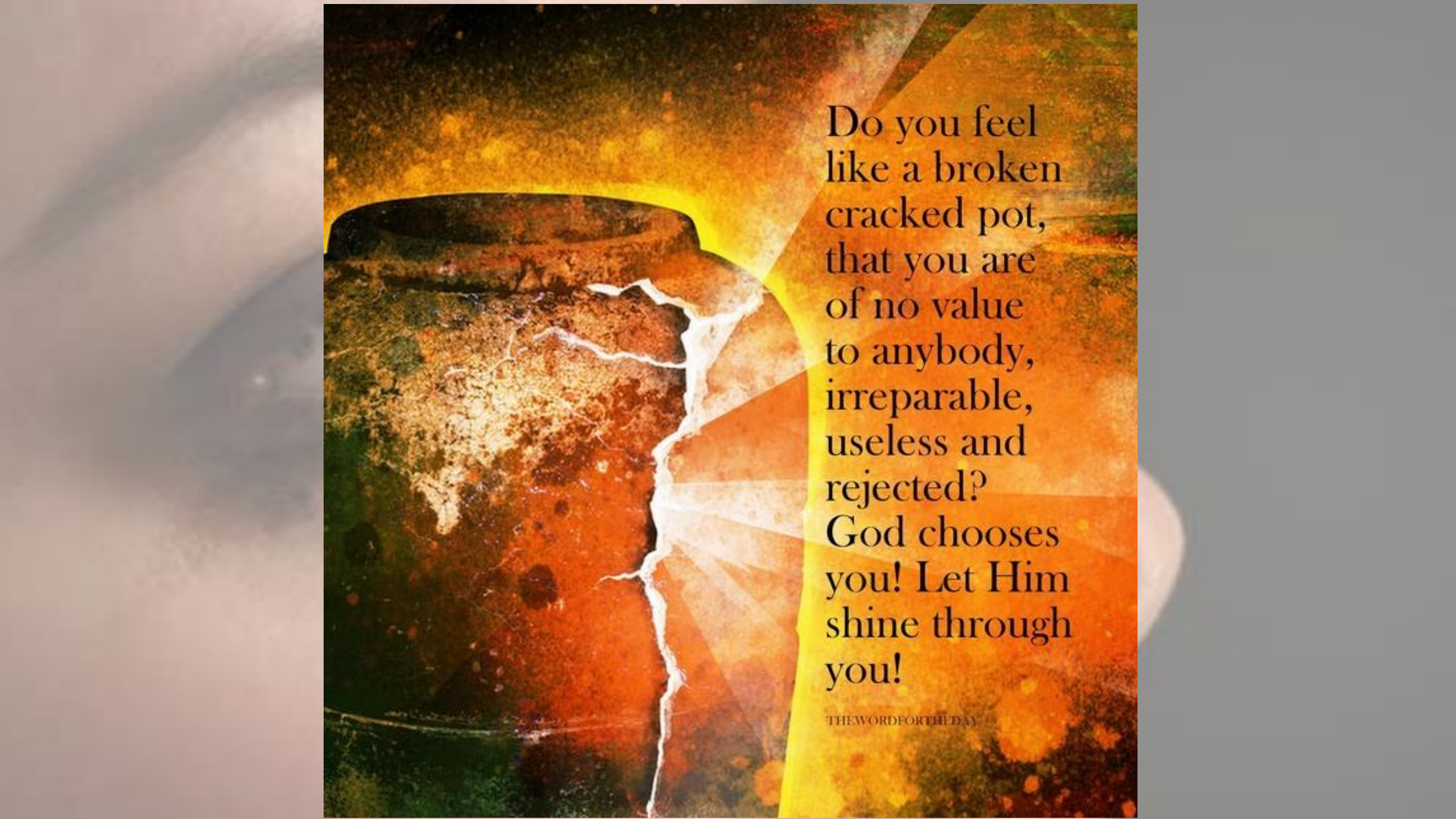
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2 Corinthians 10:10 For some say, “His letters are weighty and forceful, but in person he is unimpressive and his speaking amounts to nothing.”

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2 Corinthians 12:9 But God said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup> That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

The image features a central, broken, reddish-brown pot with a jagged crack running down its side. A bright, golden-yellow light shines through the crack, creating a strong contrast with the dark, textured background. The background is a mix of warm, earthy tones like orange, yellow, and brown, with a mottled, painterly texture. The overall mood is one of hope and transformation, as the light illuminates the broken vessel.

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