

*I know God won't give  
me anything I can't  
handle. I just wish he  
didn't trust me so much.*

*-Mother Teresa*



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# God's Cracked Clay Pot Strategy

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

2 Corinthians 1:8 We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. <sup>9</sup> Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. <sup>10</sup> ... On him we have set our hope ...



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—2 Corinthians 4:7



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2 Corinthians 4:7 We carry this precious Message around in the unadorned clay pots of our ordinary lives. That's to prevent anyone from confusing God's incomparable power with us. (*The Message*)

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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.

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<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.

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."

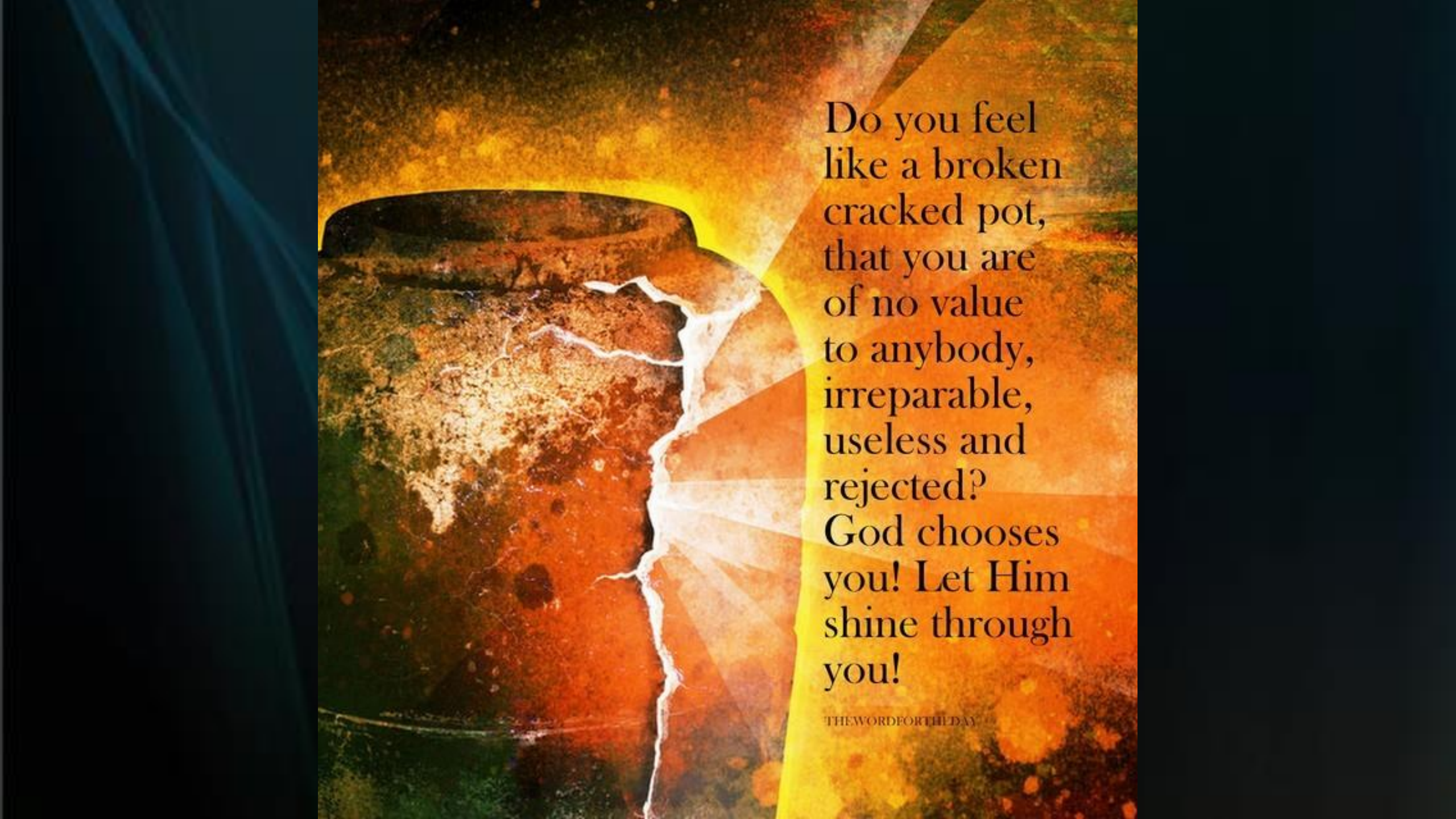


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2 Corinthians 12:9 But God said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup> That is why, for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



A close-up photograph of a dark, weathered ceramic pot that has cracked down the middle. A bright, golden light shines through the jagged opening, creating a dramatic contrast with the dark, textured surface of the pot. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with warm, earthy tones of orange and yellow.

Do you feel  
like a broken  
cracked pot,  
that you are  
of no value  
to anybody,  
irreparable,  
useless and  
rejected?

God chooses  
you! Let Him  
shine through  
you!

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