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“If dependence upon God is the point, weakness becomes an asset. Weakness is the space where reliance is built and grace is delivered. God breaks the pot to shape the soul. It’s a mysterious grace we are given, a grace upon which we stand.”
Dave Harvey, The Clay Pot Conspiracy

Main Idea: The power of God is demonstrated in all our afflictions as Christians so that the life of Jesus would be known to others.

1. Christ’s _____ is Displayed in _____ (v. 7)

Application: See your weaknesses as an advantage when it comes to gospel ministry.

2. Christ’s _____ is Shown in _____ (v. 8-9)

Application: Know that your affliction, in Christ, is never to destroy you but to use you.

3. Christ’s _____ is Revealed in _____ (v. 10-12)

Application: Die with Christ daily in order to see the life of Christ embraced by others.

2 Corinthians 4:7-12

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies.

¹¹ For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us, but life in you.

