

## **2 Corinthians 4:7-18**

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#### **LEARN from the Text**

Introduction -

As clay pots we glorify God and bring life to others...

1. By suffering like Jesus (4:7-12)

2. By believing and speaking (4:13-15)

3. By fixing our eyes on eternity (4:16-17)

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## **LIVE in light of the Text**

1. Paul talks about himself and Timothy as “clay pots” who demonstrate God’s power through their own fragility and ordinariness. Have you experienced this in your own life? How have you seen God glorified as a result of your own human limitations?
2. When do you most resist suffering or “dying to yourself” for the sake of bringing life to others? Is it most difficult for you to give up your time, or to change your plans, or to sacrificially contribute finances or .... (fill in the blank!)
3. Have you experienced a time when someone spoke words of faith in the midst of their own trial? How did their example challenge or encourage you?
4. What kinds of things do you generally ‘fix your eyes’ on? Have you been convicted or challenged to fix your eyes elsewhere as a result of this lesson?
5. Pray for each other - that as clay pots we would glorify God and bring life to others!