

# Treasure in Clay Jars

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:7-12

(series #13)

**Intro:** the extraordinary find of the Dead Sea Scrolls

**I. Paul's view of himself and all of us v. 7**

- A. We are just jars of clay or clay pots
- B. To show God's all surpassing power
- C. The teaching of 1:26-28 about God's' choice
  - 1. The non-intellectual
  - 2. The weak
  - 3. The insignificant
  - 4. The despised
  - 5. Nobodies

**II. Paul's experience in life vv. 8-11**

- A. John 16:33
- B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 12:7-10
- C. "Always delivered to death for Jesus' sake"
  - 1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:22-28
  - 2. Philippians 4:13

**III. The comparison of Paul's suffering v. 12**

- A. It's possible the Corinthians weren't suffering
- B. Paul's suffering benefitted others - Col. 2:1

**Conclusion:** You can never be too weak