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*Stand-Alone Message*

## TREASURE INSIDE JARS OF CLAY

*The good news of your limitations / 2 Corinthians 4:5-7*

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**Introduction:** One of our universal human needs is to account for *both* the beauty and the brokenness of life. To miss the beauty is to lapse into a state of blindness to the many gifts and graces that surround us. Yet to ignore the brokenness of life is to veer toward a different kind of denialism. In today's message, we'll see how God's Story does a better job of accounting for both the beauty and brokenness of life than do the secular salvation stories we tell ourselves.

What's more, we'll see how our creaturely limitations are part of God's good design.

1. **One of our universal human needs is to account for *both* the beauty and the brokenness of life.**

2. **The trouble is we often trade God's BIG STORY for our little ones.**

3. God's word of hope involves a treasure housed in "jars of clay."