

Ebenezer Victory Empowerment Church | Weekly Sermon Notes (6-5-22)

“God Uses Cracked (Vessels) Pots” (2 Corinthians 4:1-7) **By Dr. Sam J. Walker**

- Today’s lesson is a lesson of hope for people living life on the edge.
- Many of us have never given thought to the number of flowers we helped to bloom throughout our lives.

“Humpty Dumpty” Nursery Rhyme Reference

- It sends a message to kids that once you fall off the shelf of life, your life can’t be put back together again.
- Young People who fall feel they have no purpose.
- No matter how cracked/broken we may be, God can still use us.

Why We use Pots:

- Transport water back and forth
- Planting flowers
- Cooking
- *Over time, pots change. They might start leaking due to the formation of cracks.

Personal Story About Two Pots

- Located on the porch of the shed/grandkids’ playhouse
- Flowers are blooming
- They seem identical
- One pot has a severe crack, making it unfit for its purpose.
- If Rev. A had seen the pot, she’d have thrown it away.
- *In the United States, we are guilty of throwing away a lot of things due to the loss of usefulness. However, what we throw away can usually still be used for something.

What causes cracks?

- Careless use
- General wear and tear
- *We are pots in the Hands of God, clay He has shaped and molded for His Divine Purpose.

Cracked Pot Syndrome

-We have a feeling of worthlessness.

-Our lives have lost its purpose.

-We have our own flaws, which causes our pots to crack. At this point, God can use us.

-Our blessings are disguised in these broken, cracked pots, which are also used to help others.

Have you ever felt your life was too broken for God to use you?

*God hasn't thrown us away. Satan will tell you to look at your failed self in the mirror. The reflection isn't you, but the pot. The real you is within.

God uses flawed/cracked people:

1. Abraham was a liar, but he became the father of many nations.
2. Jacob was a thief, but he became the father of the twelve tribes of Israel.
3. David was an adulterer, but he was still a man after God's own Heart.
4. Moses was a fraud, but he still led the Israelites out of Egypt across the Red Sea.
5. Rahab was a prostitute, but she hid two Israelite spies in Jericho.
6. Jonah ran from God and was swallowed by a whale. He still wound up preaching in Nineveh.
7. Peter denied Jesus three times, but he was still the one Jesus called "The Rock" where He built His Church.
8. Mary Magdelene had demons, but she was the first person to see Jesus after the Resurrection.

Two Sides of a Pot:

1. The side people see
2. The truth

*People have a way of seeing our cracks no matter where we are in our lives. They like to remind us of where God has brought us from.

*Some people can't be used by God because they glorify themselves in His Place.

Examples of Cracks:

Sin

Disobedience

Lying

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Gossip

Financial failure

Social disgrace

*It's not the pot, but what's on the inside that counts.

What causes us to grow?

Nutrients (Holy Ghost Power)

Story about your water carrier

-One pot told the carrier he had a leak and he felt useless

-Carrier advised that she always applied pressure to a certain side as she carried him.

-She also advised him that his leaks watered plants along the path they traveled every day, which in turn, made his crack useful.

Revisited Previous Statement

-Many of us have never given thought to the number of flowers we helped to bloom throughout our lives.

-You might feel like your life is useless. Somebody that crossed your path benefited from the leak in your pot.