

Pre-Sermon Devotional
Cracked Pots

This week's devotion is going to focus on how God uses us in spite of being "broken".

Monday: **Pray:**
 Read: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Think about the following:

- 1) Why did Paul ask us to consider our upbringing?
- 2) Why does God choose the most unlikely people to do great things?
- 3) What has God called you to do?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I have very little to offer you in this life, but what I have is yours! Please take my life and let it be a sacrifice to you. In Jesus name, amen.

Tuesday: **Pray:**
 Read: 2 Corinthians 4:5-10

Think about the following:

- 1) You are the jar, but what is the treasure in you?
- 2) Why are you asked to carry "the death of Jesus"?
- 3) Why is it important that Jesus life be manifested in you?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you have placed your treasure in my sinful flesh. Thank you for forgiving me of my sin and dwelling in my life. Help me to manifest your love to others so they too may get to know you as their Lord and Saviour. In Jesus name, amen.



Wednesday: **Pray:**
 Read: Galatians 2:17-21

Think about the following:

- 1) Why did Paul say he "died to the law"?
- 2) Where does Christ live?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, through my baptism, Christ lives in me. Because Christ lives in me, you have given me a new life. Help me to die to my sinful nature so that I can serve you. In Jesus name, amen.

Thursday: **Pray:**
 Read: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Think about the following:

- 1) Why would Paul boast in his weakness?
- 2) How has God used one of your weaknesses to make you stronger?

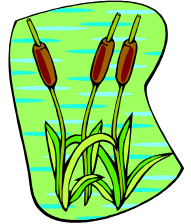
Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to see my weaknesses as an opportunity to grow in faith in you. During these times, help me to depend on your grace the same way Paul did. In Jesus name, amen.

Friday: **Pray:**
 Read: 1 Peter 3:13-17

Think about the following:

- 1) Why does Peter say that you will be persecuted?
- 2) What does he tell you to be ready for?
- 3) How will become "ready" to give a defense for your hope?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you have called me to share my faith in you. Forgive me when I am too afraid, and help me to learn more about you through your Word so that I can be ready to give a defense for the hope I've been given. In Jesus name, amen.



Saturday: **Pray:**
 Read: Isaiah 42:1-4

Think about the following:

- 1) Who is the servant Isaiah is talking about?
- 2) What is meant in verse 3?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you care for everyone. Help us to show your love to the "bruised reeds" and "smoldering wicks" in this world. Help us to love and care for them so that they may come to know you as their God who loves them. In Jesus name, amen.