



The Grapevine 27/6/2021

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TREASURE IN CLAY POTS: 2 Corinthians 4:4-12

The Bible is packed full of metaphors that would have been commonly understood during the time in which they were written. Today they are easy to misunderstand, particularly as “jars of clay” are not part of our modern-day vernacular. What does it mean?

Paul used the image of clay pots or jars of clay to illustrate ***who Christians are:***

Jars of Clay were Commonplace

Jars of Clay were Fragile

Jars of Clay were Made by Hand

Paul states that God puts the greatest treasure in the most fragile of vessels – us. Paul talks about the light within.

Q What is this light that God has made to shine in our hearts, this treasure which we hold in our lives that are jars of clay??

NATURE OF THE TREASURE

We return to last week’s theme of the pearl of great price, this treasure beyond measure that costs us everything. The faith, hope and love the Bible speaks of is not based on our own ability, our own effort, but on ***God’s all surpassing power!!!***

“Christ’s love is the treasure, the pearl of great price that shines through our hearts – our fragile lives, that jar of clay. This is God’s power through our weakness.”

Rev. DJP

OUR MISSION:

To be a vibrant, growing community, reaching out to reflect God's love, connecting others to Christ.



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Come along to The Vines Uniting Church for a morning of fun Bible-based music, games and craft. The theme is *"Running the Race"*.

Morning snack included (please advise us of any food intolerances/allergies).

Best-suited for primary school children.

When: 8th July 2021

Time: 9 am - 12pm

Where: 152 Reynell Rd, Woodcroft SA

Cost: Free

How: Book tickets at <https://events.humanitix.com/the-vines-uniting-church-holiday-bible-fun>

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Vines Children's Church Team

Please Note:

- Bookings essential: <https://events.humanitix.com/the-vines-uniting-church-holiday-bible-fun>
- Please book a ticket for each person who will stay for the session (due to COVID-Safe capacity limits).
- Children over 5 years will need to be signed in by a parent/carer upon arrival and signed out afterwards.
- Children under 5 years may be able to enjoy some activities with the support of their parent/carer.
- On entry, we ask that all parents/carers Check-In with the QR codes as per COVID-Safe procedures.
- If unwell on the day, please do not attend. We thank you for considering the well-being of others.
- If your child is not a regular attendee of The Vines Uniting Church, please arrive a few minutes early in order to complete a registration form regarding emergency contact details etc.

LIVE STREAMED WORSHIP SERVICES

Each Sunday our worship services at the Vines can be accessed live at 9:30am via our YouTube channel. Please use the following link to access our services,

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=the+vines+uniting+church

After the livestream, each service will remain on our YouTube channel for watching later. They can be accessed using the same link.

VINES MARKET

The next Vines Market at the Reynella Neighbourhood Centre will be on the 31st July. The last 2 markets have been very successful and we look forward to the next one. A suggestion is that it will have a “Christmas in July” theme.

Please consider how you might support this event as we make our presence known in the community. Further details will emerge as we get closer to the time. Please speak to Leon or Marj if you have any questions.

CHURCH SEATING

Please remember to leave a chair between you and the next person during Sunday services in line with Covid restrictions.

If you are a couple or family, or if you come to church with someone, you can sit together, just leave a space between your group and the next person.

Thank you!



*let everything
you do
be done in
love*
1 Corinthians 13

Remember OUR key MESSAGE:
Connect with others and *CHOOSE LIFE*
‘Cos to Grow stronger through COVID
We *have to* pass on God’s love!

Next week:

**4th July – VALUES: CENTRALITY OF CHRIST –
BIBLE-CENTRED TEACHING - Rev. DJP**

A Prayer to Remember Who You Are in God's Eyes

Dear God, there are moments when I forget who I am and the treasure you have given me.

In my moments of doubt and weakness, would you remind me that you have chosen me?

You have placed within me a treasure that will strengthen me in my greatest weakness.

Would you help me remember who it is that you have made me to be...and who it is that lives within me?

Help me to live in the power that's been given to me. Amen.

Prayer from <https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/why-are-jars-of-clay-significant-to-christians.html>

Our Children's Church....Sessions are held fortnightly, during the services at the Church. See the table below for the scheduled weeks.

Children's
CHURCH

Sunday 27th June
Sunday 25th July



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