

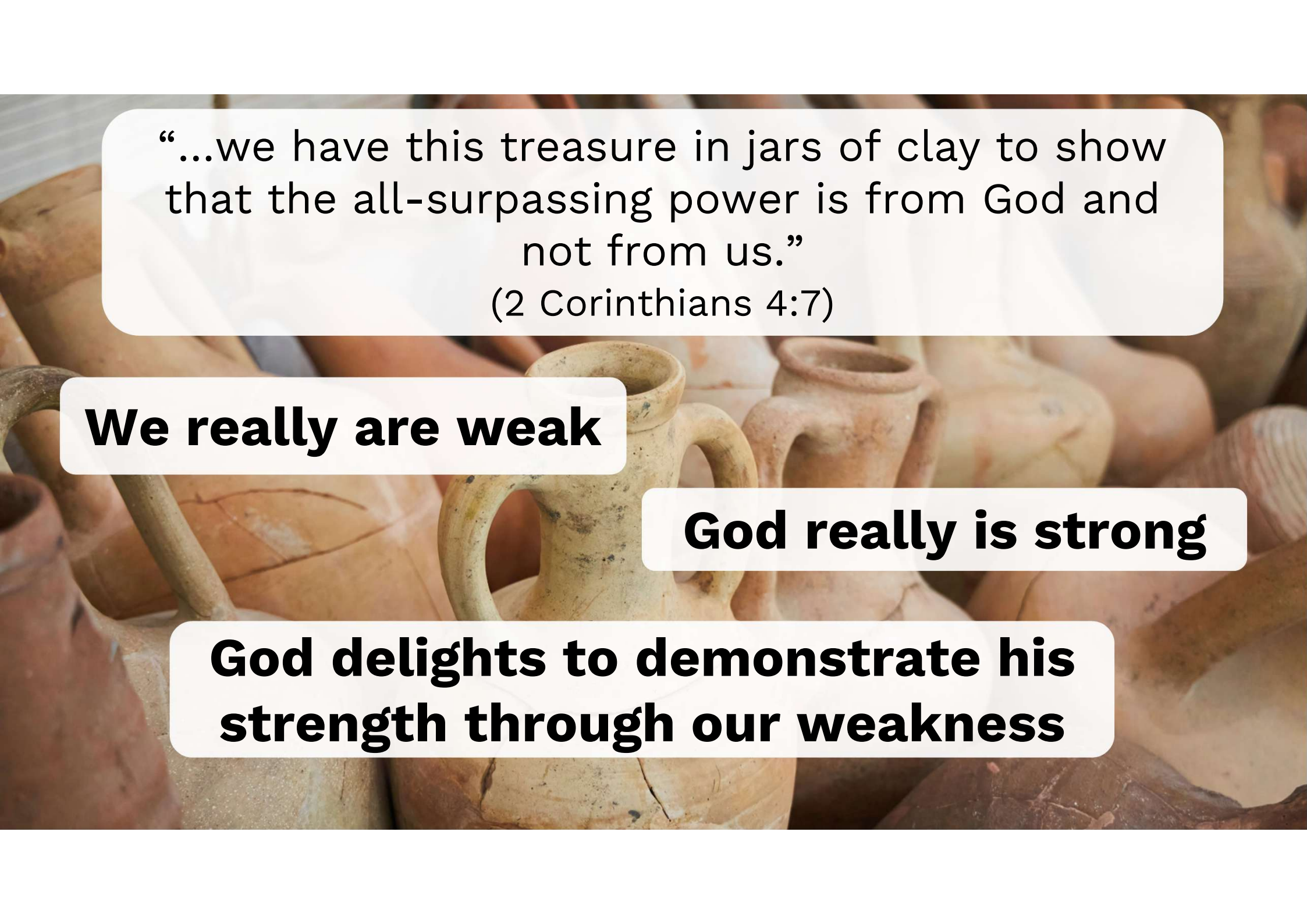


2 Corinthians 4 vv1-12

Slides from Richard Brewster's
sermon at the evening service
Sunday 3rd May 2026

**Weakness is the
new strength**

The message of 2 Corinthians



“...we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that the all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”

(2 Corinthians 4:7)

We really are weak

God really is strong

God delights to demonstrate his strength through our weakness

2 Corinthians 4:1-12

“We have this treasure...”

- **The power of God in the gospel (vv.1-6)**

“... in jars of clay...”

- **The power of God in our weakness (vv.7-12)**

2 Corinthians 4:1-12

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- **The power of God in the gospel (vv.1-6)**

“For what we preach is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord,
and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake.”

(v.5)

2 Corinthians 4:1-12

“We have this treasure...”

- **The power of God in the gospel (vv.1-6)**

The truth in a world of lies

The light in a world of darkness

The power to give new life to everyone who believes

2 Corinthians 4:1-12

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“... in jars of clay...”

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**Our weakness is part of God’s
saving purposes in this world**



**God's strength in our weakness is
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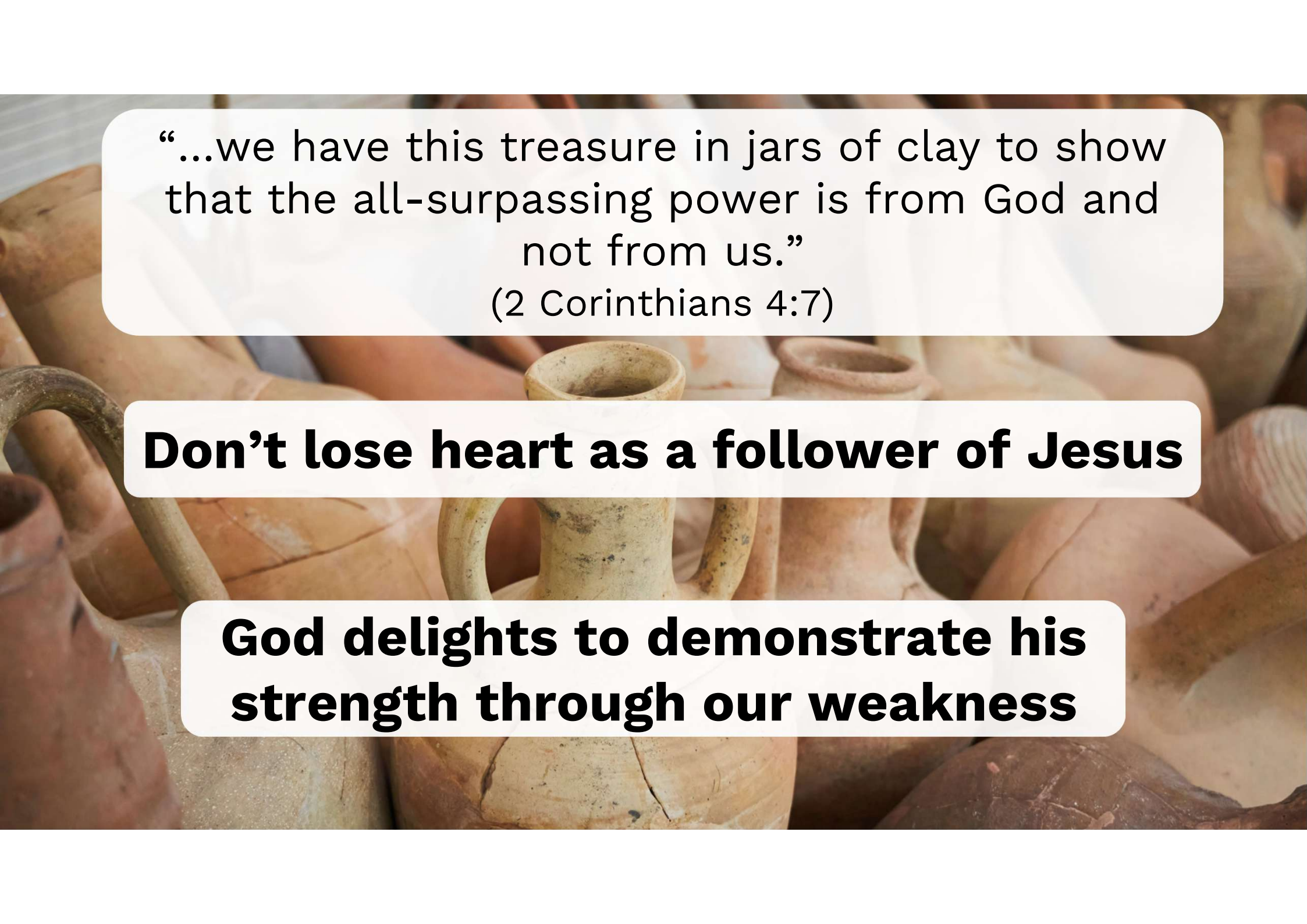
“hard pressed on every side”
“perplexed”
“persecuted”
“struck down”

“but not crushed”
“but not in despair”
“but not abandoned”
“but not destroyed”



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the key to following Jesus (vv.8-9)**

**God's strength in our weakness is
the key to proclaiming Jesus (vv.10-12)**



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Don't lose heart as a follower of Jesus

God delights to demonstrate his strength through our weakness