Prophets & Promises: JOURNAL ENTRY # 28

Paul says that believers are like clay pots containing treasure. But clay pots break very easily. How do you relate to being a fragile container? (2 Corinthians 4:6-12.)

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Lessons about Weakness BETWEENTHELINES

Take some time to read these verses about weakness in 2 Corinthians 4:6-12, 16-18, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 and Jude 1:24-25.

HAT DOES IL SAY!

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 - A) Tin cans.
 - B) Plastic bags.
 - C) Clay jars.

To what does Paul compare the message of Jesus that we bring to the world?

- A) Treasure.
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