

BECOMING A JAR GOD USES

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Romans 8:15–16 (NLT)

So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.

From a place of relationship - God invites you into His purposes.

When we are living in God's purposes for our life we are living in his design

2 Corinthians 4:7 (NLT)

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- **YOU ARE A JAR!**

Just like a jar was used to carry life giving water from the well, we are jars that are made to carry God's presence.

John 7:37–39 (NLT)

On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! ³⁸ Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.' " ³⁹ (When he said "living water," he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory.)

- **LIVING WATER IN US IS ALSO FOR OTHERS**

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 9:17–20 (NLT)

So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Instantly something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized. ¹⁹ Afterward he ate some food and regained his strength. Saul stayed with the believers in Damascus for a few days. ²⁰ And immediately he began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is indeed the Son of God!"

Our purpose is to be jars that carry the treasure of LIVING WATER to the people around us!

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- **GOD PUTS VALUABLE THINGS IN MESSY PLACES**

We are fragile containers of God who function only by His power.

What people need is the Jesus in us.

- **GOD WANTS TO USE YOU!**

Exodus 3:11 (NLT)

But Moses protested to God, “Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?”

Judges 6:15 (NLT)

“But Lord,” Gideon replied, “how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!”

Jeremiah 1:6 (NLT)

“O Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I can’t speak for you! I’m too young!”

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

WHAT KIND OF JAR SHOULD WE BE?

1. A JAR THAT IS CLEAN

2 Timothy 2:20–21 (ESV)

Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. ²¹ Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

Matthew 23:25–28 (NLT)

“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and self-indulgence! ²⁶ You blind Pharisee! First wash the inside of the cup and the dish, and then the outside will become clean, too.

²⁷ “What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people’s bones and all sorts of impurity. ²⁸ Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness.

It’s NOT PERFECT - but it’s a genuine and transparent walk with God and others

2. A JAR THAT IS AVAILABLE

1 Corinthians 6:19–20 (NLT)

Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, ²⁰ for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

3. A JAR THAT IS OPEN

We need to be open to the filling of the Spirit and open to being poured out

FULFILLING OUR PURPOSE STARTS WITH **BEING FILLED** in the secret place

OUR PRAYER: GOD THROW ME IN THE WELL - FILL ME UP AND POUR ME OUT!