
2 Corinthians 4:1-12
JARS OF CLAY?
REALLY?

[1]Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. [2] Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. [3] And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.



4 The god of this age has blinded the
minds of unbelievers, so that they
cannot see the light of the gospel that
displays the glory of Christ, who is
the image of God. 5 For what we
preach is not ourselves, but Jesus
Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your
servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God,
who said, "Let light shine out of
darkness,"



made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.



10 We always carry around in our
body the death of Jesus, so that the
life of Jesus may also be revealed in
our body. 11 For we who are alive are
always being given over to death for
Jesus' sake, so that his life may also
be revealed in our mortal body. 12 So
then, death is at work in us, but life is
at work in you.

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What is “this treasure”?

5 For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. 6 For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

2 Cor. 4:5-6



“Jars of Clay”?



What do the “Jars of Clay” represent ?



We store this treasure in us?



Why store “this treasure” in something so fragile?

[8] We are hard pressed on every side but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; [9] persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

2 Cor. 4:8-9





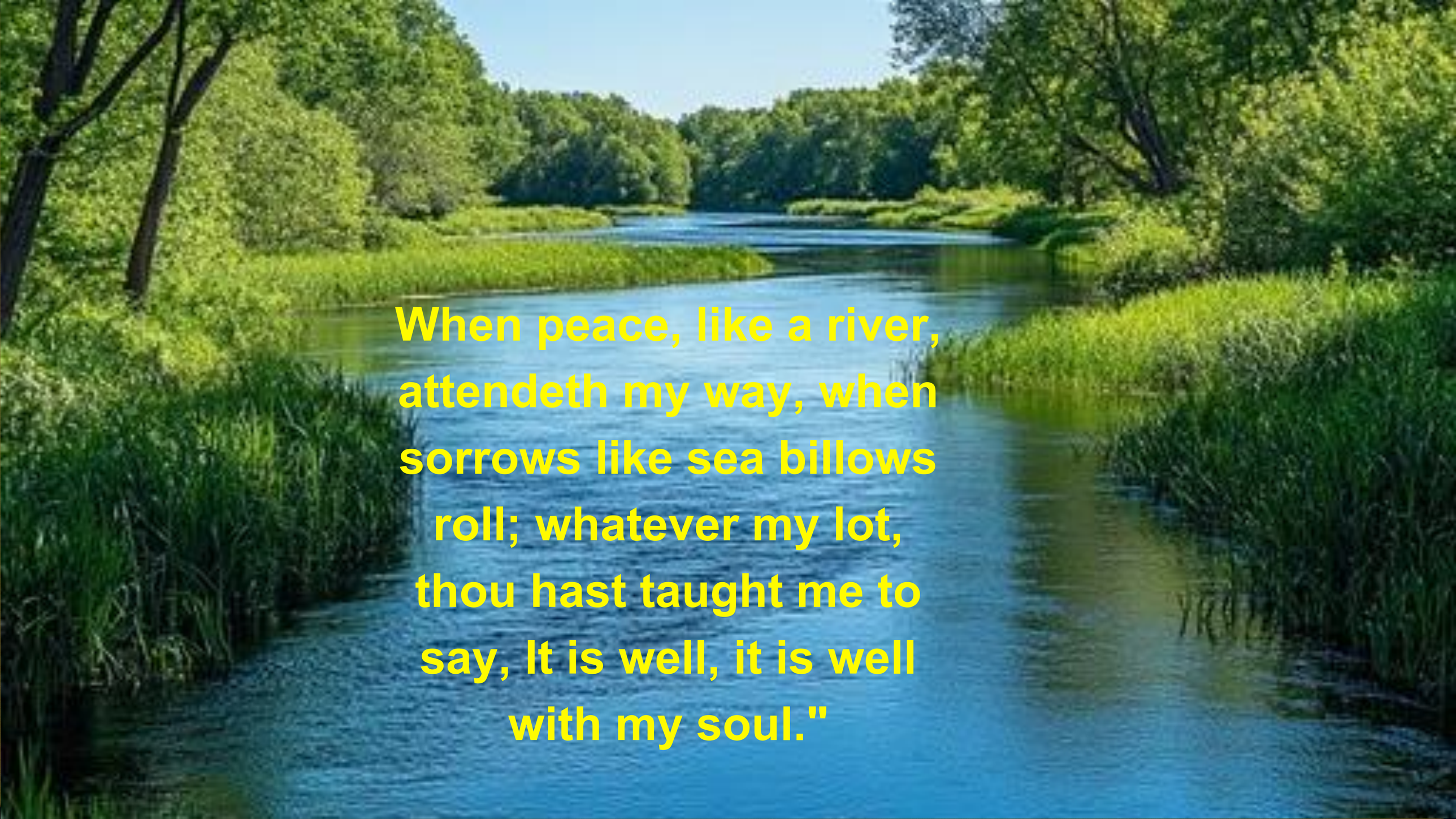
"Because God loved me, He let me be broken."
Thomas Hill



“You need to have openness through the brokenness”



How can God use your brokenness to share the love of Christ with others?


When peace, like a river,
attendeth my way, when
sorrows like sea billows
roll; whatever my lot,
thou hast taught me to
say, It is well, it is well
with my soul."