

Prayer?

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Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: God's Sustaining/Overcoming Power Poured Through Jars of Clay

Text: 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you." 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

As Paul celebrates the wonder of 2 Corinthians 4:6 (For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ) he reminds the church at Corinth of the sustaining power of the living God poured in and through them.

"Just as wine cannot keep well in silver or gold vessels, but only in the lowliest of vessels-earthen ones-so the words of the Scripture do not keep well in one that considers himself to be the same as silver or gold vessels, but only in one who considers himself the same as the lowliest of vessels-earthen ones." Sipre, Deuteronomy Commentary

The Stoic:
My resolve + mastery of circumstances = power

The Biblical View:
My weakness + God's power = God's power

The Four Paradoxes (v. 8-9)

1. Afflicted, but not crushed
2. Perplexed, but not driven to despair

"There is no safe investment. To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly be broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give your love to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully 'round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all intaglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But, in that casket -safe, dark, motionless, airless- it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. The alternative to tragedy, or at least to the risk of tragedy is damnation. The only place outside of Heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers and perturbations of love is Hell." CS Lewis, *The Four Loves*, p 120-121

3. Persecuted, but not forsaken (Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34)

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4. Struck down, but not destroyed (knocked down, but not out)

"Viewed as a whole, then, the hardships Paul lists in his catalog, have, as it were, caused cracks in him as an earthen vessel, but the vessel itself remains intact. The vessel is held together by the power of divine adhesive and the light that shines (vs. 4-6) through the cracks is none other than the light of the life of Jesus (vs. 4:10-11)." David E. Garland, The New American Commentary, 2 Corinthians, p. 229

The Empowering Reality of Christ's Life and Death (v. 10-12)

1. We always carry about in our body the death of Jesus so that...
2. We are given over to death for Jesus sake so that...
3. (The conclusion:) Death is at work in us so that life can be seen in us.

QUESTIONS:

1. How does the reality of the gospel shine through the cracks of our lives (clay pots)?
2. Discuss the difference between the view of power by the Stoics, and by those that follow Christ.
3. What is wrong with this statement: "She is a powerful woman of God"?
4. Why will the believer never be "forsaken"?
5. How do the paradoxes underscore the importance of understanding our emotions and embracing them?
6. How do we always carry in our body the death of Jesus so that the life of Christ may be manifested in our bodies?



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Welcome.

We're glad you are here to worship with us. If you are new to East Cooper Baptist, we would love to meet you. Please stop anyone with a blue name-tag and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

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Traditional Worship / Sunday Classes
Sanctuary 9:30a & 11:00a
Contemporary Worship / Sunday Classes
Worship Center 9:30a & 11:00a

Ways to Give.

Giving is part of our worship to God. Through your faithful giving, God continues to change lives here in our area and around the world.



Give in-person by dropping your gift in any giving box located throughout the church.

Give online by visiting our website at: eastcooperbaptist.com/give.



Give via text by texting the word "GIVE" to 843-202-4848.

COVID-19 Update.



The Delta Variant has declined in our area therefore the leadership voted this past Monday to move to mask optional effective November 1. We appreciate your kindness and consideration as we navigate this season. We encourage you to be praying for the medical staff in our community as they navigate this season's challenges due to COVID-19.

Financial Update.

Giving Year-to-date \$ 1,635,359 (fiscal year:
Ministry Expenses \$ 1,391,654 August 1, 2021-July 31, 2022)



Groups.

For detailed information, please go online.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

At East Cooper, we seek to offer meaningful ways to be a part of our family—young and old, man or woman, married or single. Community Groups provide spaces to love one another and live out the gospel of Jesus together.

Groups are open at these locations: Mount Pleasant, Hanahan, West Ashley, Daniel Island, and North Charleston.

AGE & STAGE GROUPS

Walking through some of life's challenges with others in a similar life stage can be beneficial! This is why we offer age and stage classes, where you can find a group to get plugged in with and do life-on-life discipleship together!

1. Grandmothers in Prayer - Meets Tuesday mornings at 8:00am
2. re|engage - Meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm
3. Man2Man - Meets Friday mornings at 6:20am

CARE GROUPS

When circumstances require help beyond Christian friendships developed within a Community Group, the primary places that we work out care and counseling, we offer biblical counseling in meeting the emotional and spiritual needs of the church.

1. DivorceCare - Email Moriah for info: moriahb@eastcooperbaptist.com
2. Women's Sophron (alcohol support group) - Email Rose to sign up: rosea@eastcooperbaptist.com
3. GriefShare - Meets Sunday mornings at 11:00am

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Upcoming.

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LIFELINE INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION INFO MEETING

During this meeting, you'll hear directly from members of Lifeline's staff about the heart of their ministry, along with a general overview of our programs and the adoption process.
November 7 at 7:00pm.



Attend this webinar: lifelinechild.org/information-meetings

WOMEN AT THE WELL

In a world of change, the only certain thing in this life is Jesus. Understanding these seasons helps us fight for joy. Come hear from women who are walking the path where you find yourself right now! Meets Tuesday, **November 9, 6:30-8:30pm.**



REGISTER TODAY.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Help fill a shoebox this Christmas season for a boy or girl in need. Boxes are available for pickup today in the Welcome Center. Please fill them and have them back on **November 21.**



FILL A BOX TODAY.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Save the dates for our Christmas concert featuring the ECBC Choir, Orchestra, and Worship Band. This year, we will be holding a concert on **December 3 at 7:00pm** and two concerts on **December 4 at 4:00pm** and **7:00pm!**



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Please complete the perforated section and take to the Welcome Desk or place in any giving box located around the church.

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