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Greetings!

Thanks for clicking this weeks SelahGram. Karyn and I pray it causes you to pause and ponder: Selah.

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The Earthen Vessel Factor

2Co 4:7 NKJV *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. Whatever God is doing or is going to do in the earth, whatever marvelous manifestation of His glory and presence is going to occur, it assuredly is going to involve "earthen vessels" in some way or another. Whether moving amidst nations, regions or groups, He always seems to use "earthen vessels"... "frail human vessels of earth" (AMP). Strangely, this was never just a risk God was willing to take ... **this was the plan!***

Whatever glorious "move" or intervention occurs, it will so often include **an earthen vessel component that you and I must get over!** There is usually something "I would do differently". This factor often becomes the insurmountable obstacle that prohibits one "camp" (relig. organization, group or denomination) from wholeheartedly accepting/endorsing what God is doing in and through another "camp."
We naturally tend to hope & even presume that God will birth his next major spiritual move through "us" and not "them", whomever "us" or "they" happens to be. [To every part of the body of Christ, there always seems to be other parts that are outsiders, lesser, more "earthen," ..."them".]
God longs today to birth miraculous dimensions of His glory wherever there are hungry, expectant hearts. Most of those



Additionally...

2Co 4:6 AMP *For God Who said, Let light shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts so as [to beam forth] the Light for the illumination of the knowledge of the majesty and glory of God [as it is manifest in the Person and is revealed] in the face of Jesus Christ (the Messiah). 4:7 However, we possess this precious treasure [the divine Light of the Gospel] in [frail, human] vessels of earth, that the grandeur and exceeding*

experiences will undoubtedly come through somebody else... a group or "camp" other than yours and other than mine. You and I must vigilantly guard against presuming God and His methods are exclusively ours. But Jim, isn't there a risk that through "them" there will be earthen-vessel- moments "we" struggle with? Surely! Remember however that to God it's not a risk, **it's the plan.** Selah.

A stylized signature of the name "Jim" in a cursive, gold-colored font. Below the signature is a detailed black and white illustration of a feather.

greatness of the power may be shown to be from God and not from ourselves.

*NLT ... We ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. **This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.***

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