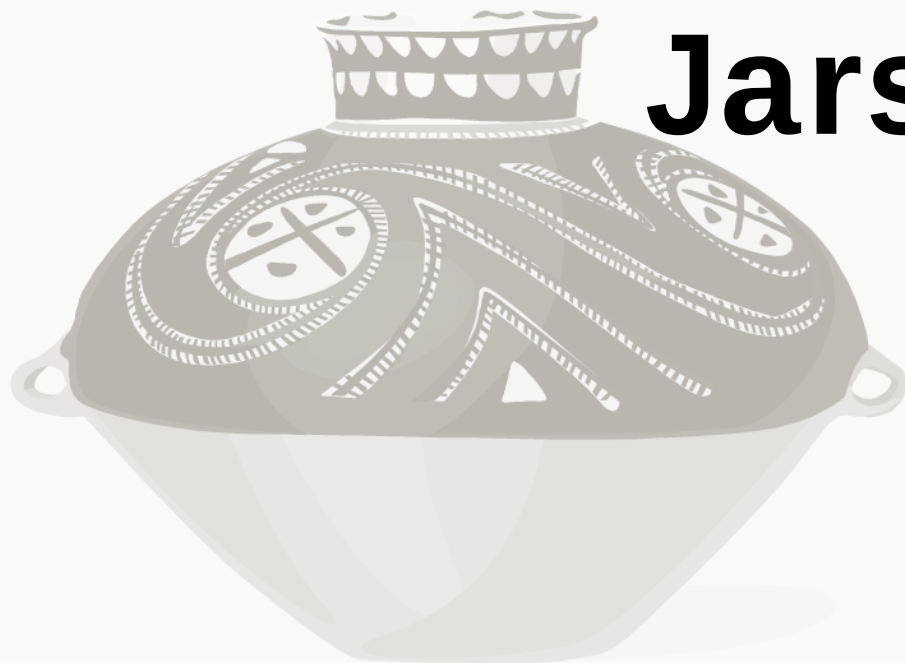
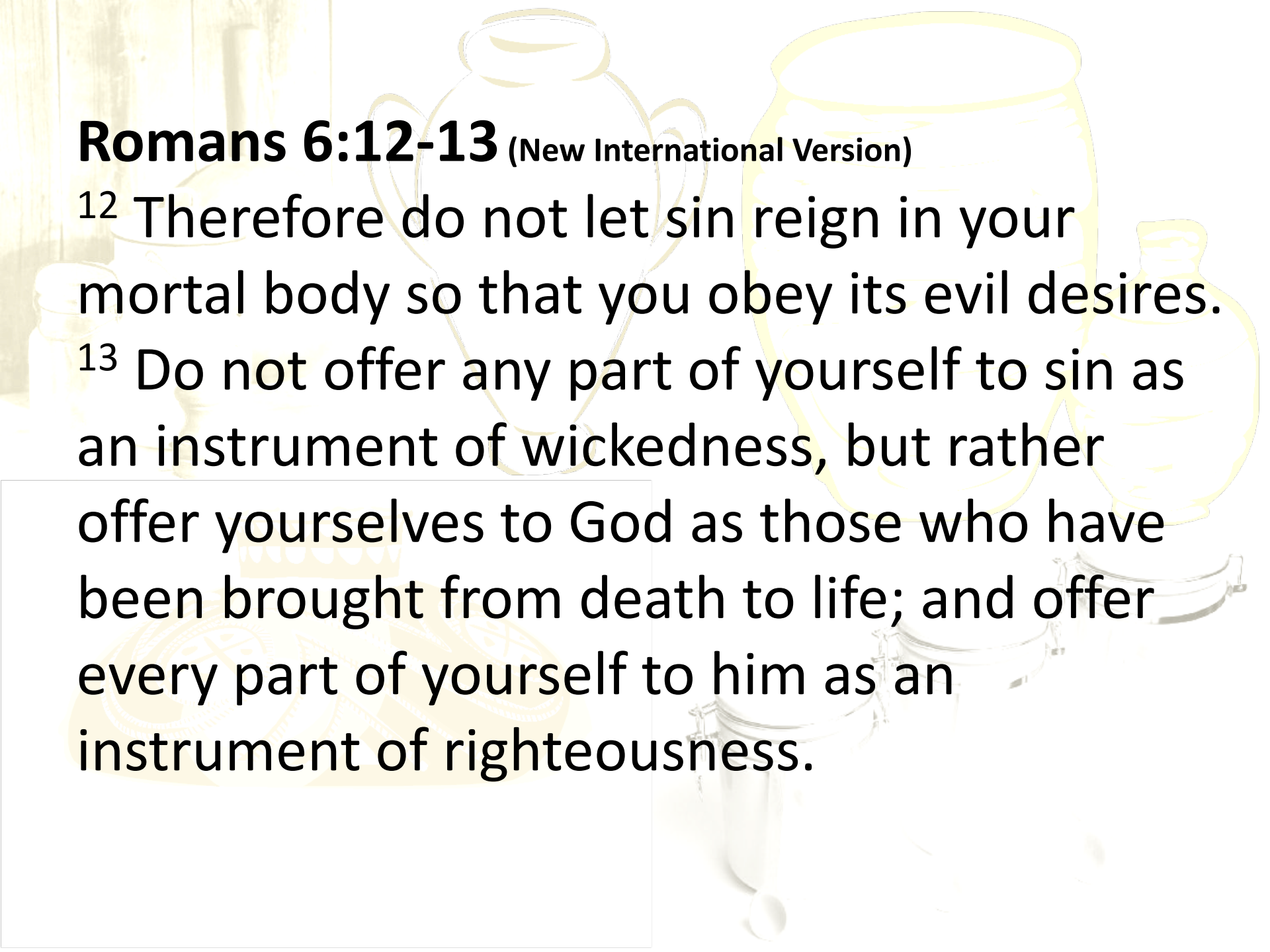




Jars of Clay

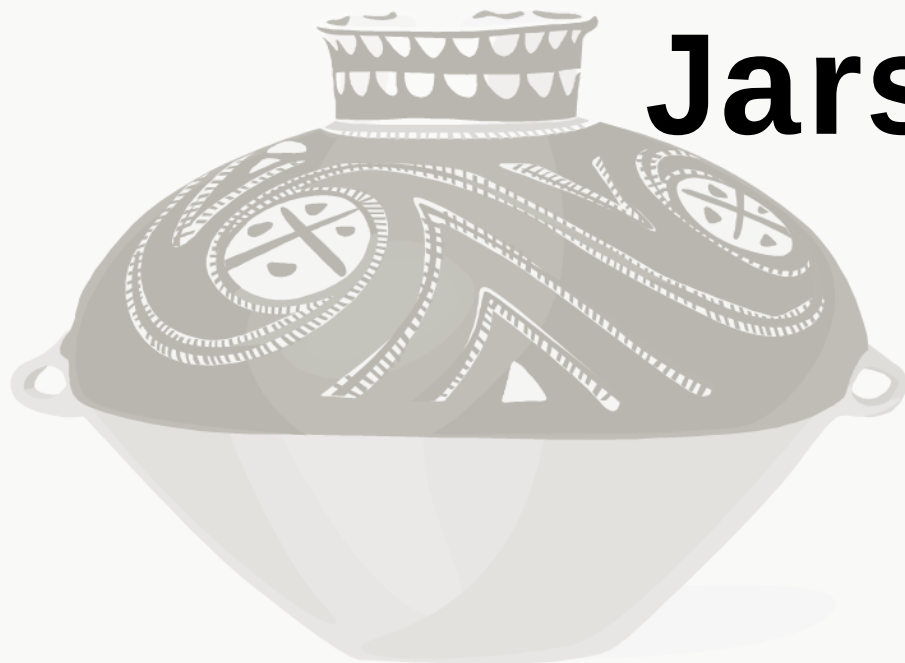


A faint, artistic background illustration of a teapot and several teacups. The teapot is on the left, and the teacups are scattered around it, some with saucers. The style is soft and painterly, with a warm, golden-yellow color palette.

Romans 6:12-13 (New International Version)

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.



Jars of Clay



At NBC we Value our Heritage of Holiness and Purity!!

We believe, teach, & *demonstrate(?)*:

1. When we Admit, Believe, and Confess ...

WE ARE SAVED!

2. When we give Christ control of our will ...

**HE PURIFIES US AND FILLS US WITH THE HOLY
SPIRIT!**

But, ... We are still human!!

What are the implications for our everyday life & ministry?

Let's read and reflect on
three
Lessons Learned!

Lessons Learned?



Genesis 3 (New International Version)

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” ² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

⁴ “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ “For **God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God**, knowing good and evil.”

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

Lessons Learned?



Pride, Intellectual Arrogance, Disobedience

Lessons Learned?

(Pride, Intellectual Arrogance, Disobedience)

1. Is my increase in knowledge, stature & favor causing me to become arrogant and / or self-sufficient?

2. Does my behavior reflect a proper Christ-like balance?

Lessons Learned?



Genesis 11 (New International Version)

¹ Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. ² As people moved eastward,^[a] they found a plain in Shinar^[b] and settled there. ³ They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, **so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.**”

⁵ But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. ⁶ The LORD said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”

⁸ So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹ That is why it was called Babel^[c]—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Lessons Learned?



**Inordinate or Unrestrained Desire
(Name & Security)**

Lessons Learned?

**Inordinate or Unrestrained Desire
(Name & Security)**

1. Are my desires and motives pure?

**2. Do my observable actions reflect
God's love to ALL people?**

Lessons Learned?



Exodus 34 (New International Version)

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that **his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD.** ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses finished speaking to them, **he put a veil over his face.**

2 Corinthians 3 (The Message)

⁹⁻¹¹ If the Government of Condemnation was impressive, how about this Government of Affirmation? Bright as that old government was, it would look downright dull alongside this new one. If that makeshift arrangement impressed us, how much more this brightly shining government installed for eternity?

¹²⁻¹³ With that kind of hope to excite us, nothing holds us back. Unlike Moses, we have nothing to hide. Everything is out in the open with us. He wore a veil **so the children of Israel wouldn't notice that the glory was fading away**—and they didn't notice.

Lessons Learned?



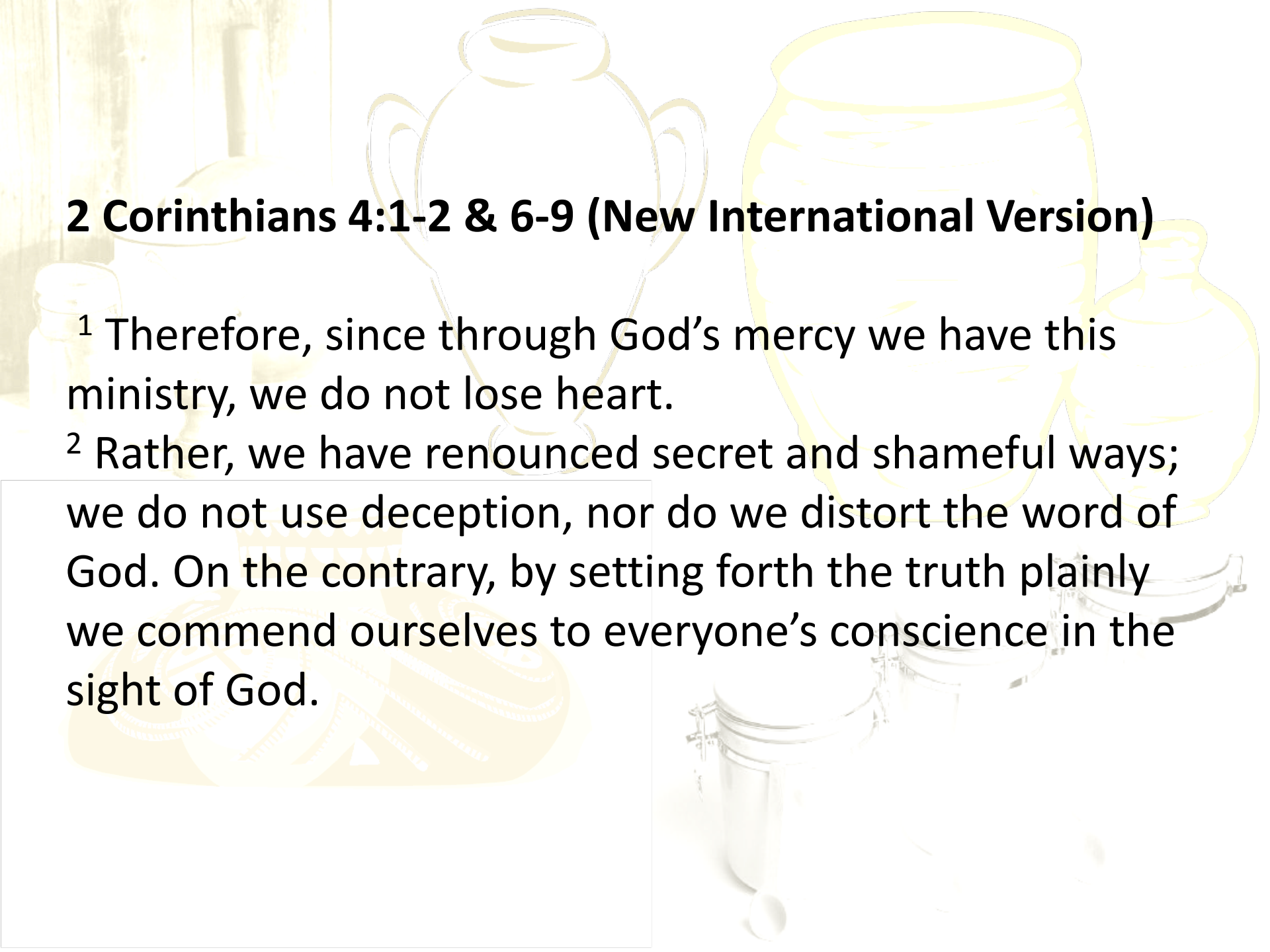
**Compassionate or Offensive Control
(Authority)**

Lessons Learned?

**Compassionate or Offensive Control
(Authority)**

1. Do I have an inordinate need to be in control?

2. Am I a leader that serves or a servant who leads?



2 Corinthians 4:1-2 & 6-9 (New International Version)

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.

2 Corinthians 4:1-2 & 6-9 (New International Version)

⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,”^[a] 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.

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jars of clay
to show that this all-surpassing
power is from God...

Holy Spirit be my Guide

Backup Material

Introduction

- Busy / Distracted
- Praying for help! 😊
- Powerful messages
 - Start with the end in mind
 - X-Rays
 - Holy Worship
 - God's power, promise, and counsel
 - Purity
 - Be careful what you ask for!
 - 99 ^{44/100} % pure