



Cracked Vessels

INCARNATE, PART 2

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2 Corinthians 4:7

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Genesis 2:15–17

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CRACKED VESSELS — We live in a world of *cursed dirt*.

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Romans 8:22–23

Imago Dei v. *Sicut deus*

1. We **RELATE** wrongly naturally.
2. We **embody** our "crackedness" — our bodies, our souls, our beings...US — we are *distorted, cracked, broken*.
 - Key first step back to Imago Dei wholeness — *find a different guide!*

3. **GARDEN LONGING**

¹⁸ Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. ¹⁹ Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

Romans 5:18–19

FINDING YOUR WAY BACK — First steps involve trust!

- ✓ Grow in trust by thinking in terms of *God's presence* and *surrender to Jesus* instead of *religion* and *performing*. (Try *easier!*)
- ✓ Know in advance you will need *much grace!*
- ✓ Decide to *trust Christ for the first time*.



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