

BUILT
through suffering?!

ALWAYS COURAGEOUS
WHILE GROANING IN OUR TENTS
2 Corinthians 5:1-10

CLARITY



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COURAGE?



BUILT
UP
in Christ

COURAGEOUS
PASSION

BUILT
UP
in Christ, together, for more!

ALWAYS COURAGEOUS

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-10

How can we always be of good courage,
even when carrying burdens that make us groan?

An Outline: Paul's Message to the Corinthians

(4:16-18) So we do not lose heart . . .

(5:1) FOR we know we have a permanent, eternal, heavenly home awaiting (i.e. our resurrection bodies)

(5:2-5) FOR our groaning in our current bodies (tent), while being burdened, expresses our longing for our heavenly dwelling (i.e. our resurrection bodies)

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- we want what is mortal to be swallowed up by life
- God has prepared us for this
- God has given us the Spirit as a guarantee of this

(5:6-8) THEREFORE we are always of good courage

- we know, as we walk by faith, the while we are "at home" in our current bodies . . . we are 'away' from the Lord.
- we would rather be "away" from our current bodies . . . and "at home" with the Lord

(5:9-10) THEREFORE we eagerly strive to please the Lord

- FOR we will all give an account of what we've done

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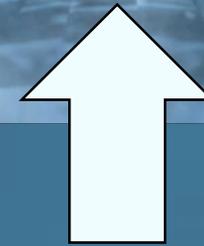
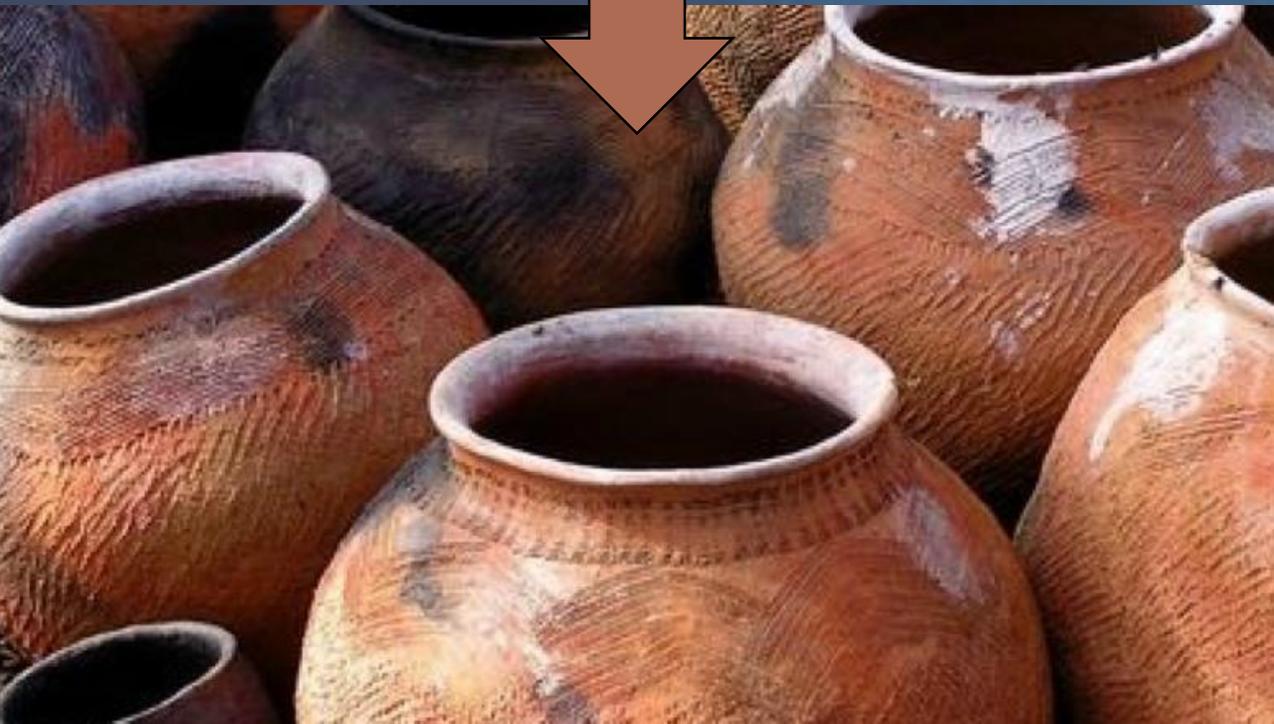
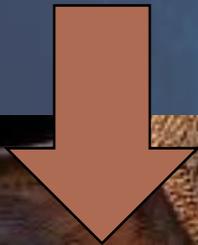
2 Corinthians 4:16-17

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison . . .

2 Corinthians 4:18

. . . as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

**EMBRACE
THE CLAY**



**LOOK TO THE
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2 Corinthians 5:2-4

For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴**For** while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

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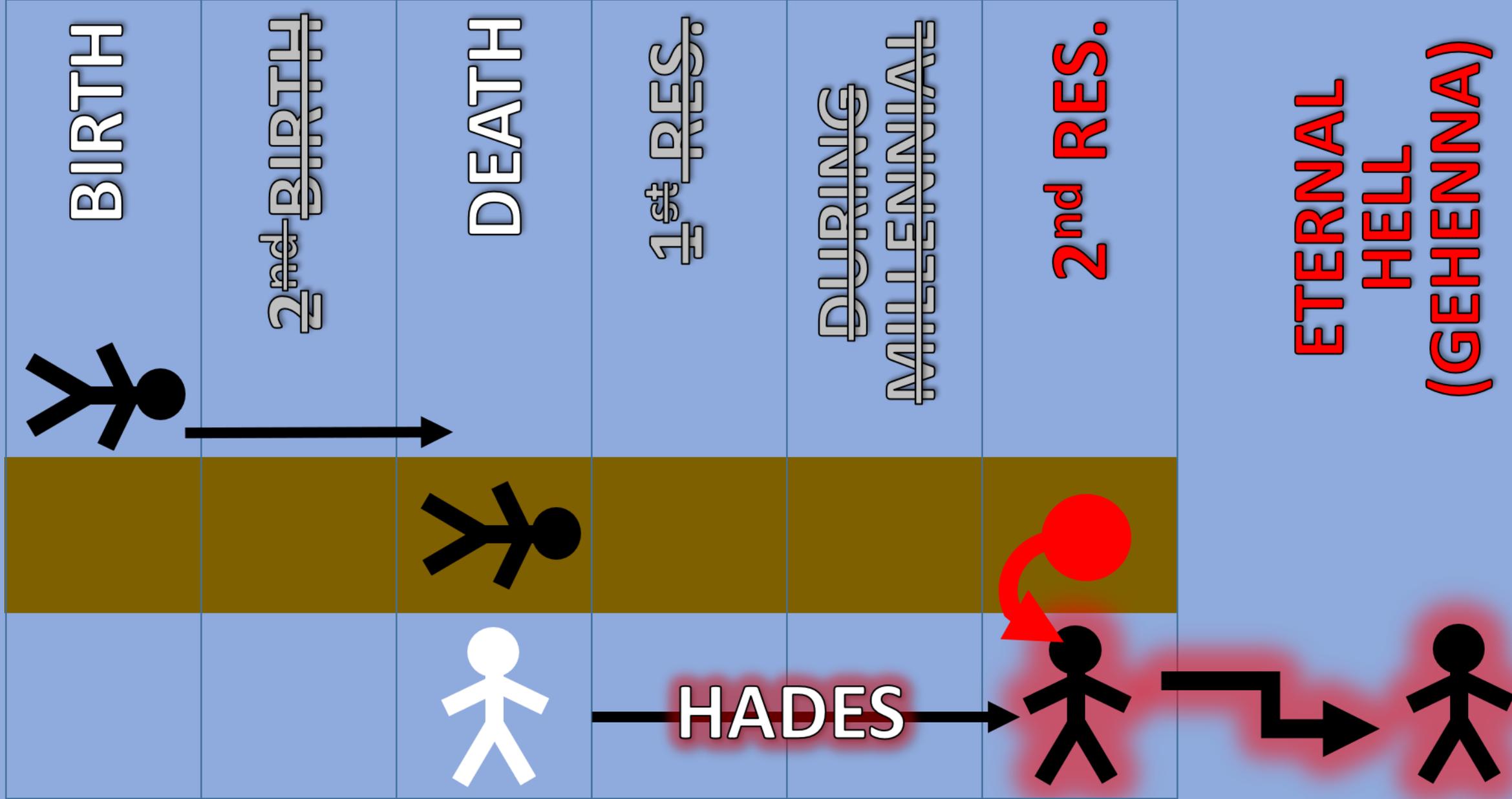
2 Corinthians 5:5

He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

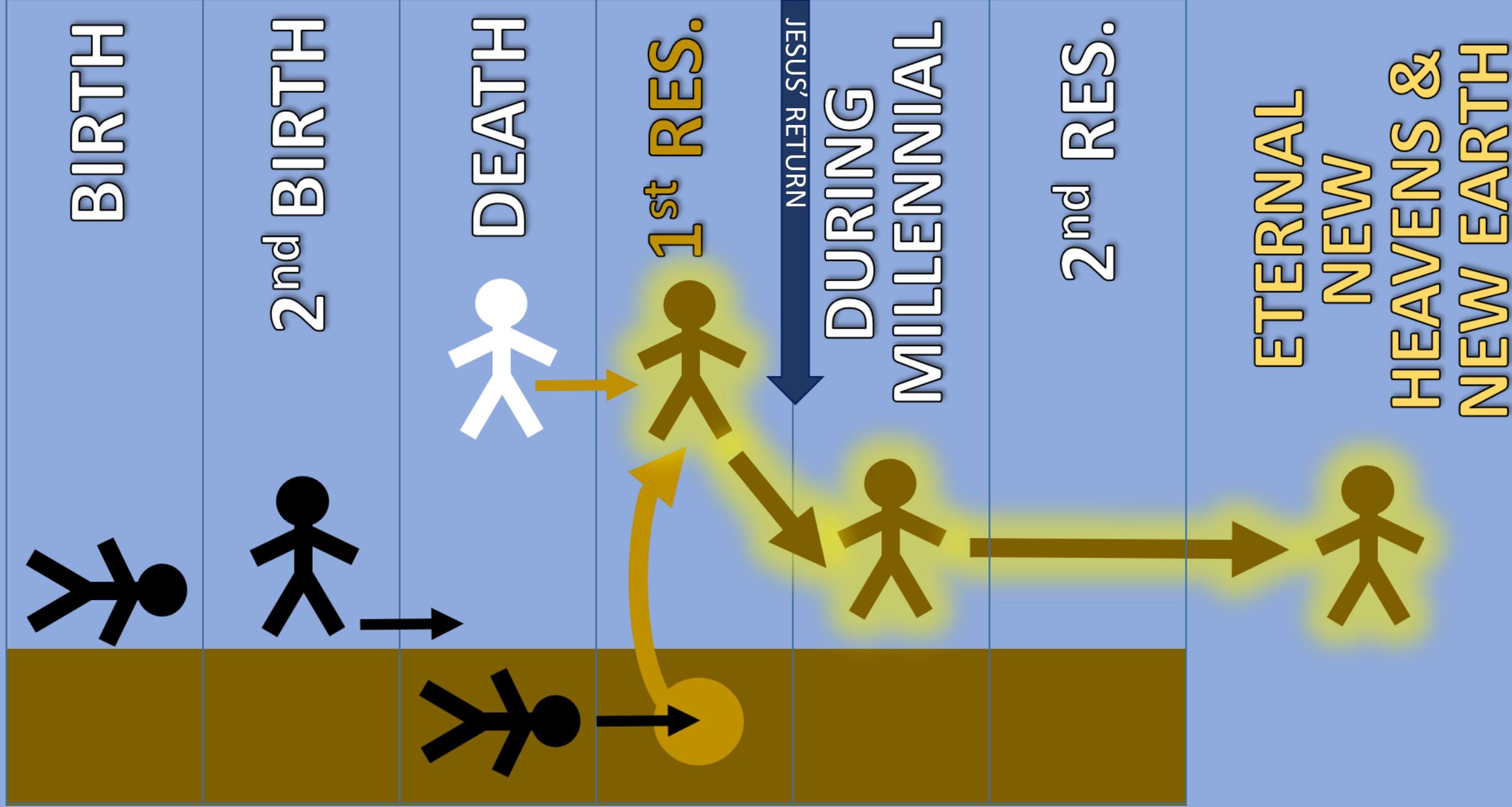
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OVERVIEW OF FUTURE FOR UNBELIEVERS



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2 Corinthians 5:6-8

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸**Yes, we are of good courage,** and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

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2 Corinthians 5:9-10

So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰**For** we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, **so that** each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

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COURAGE REQUIRES . . .

CONFIDENCE
BEYOND THIS LIFE

CONSEQUENCES
FOR THIS LIFE

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2 Corinthians 5:8-9 **ESV**

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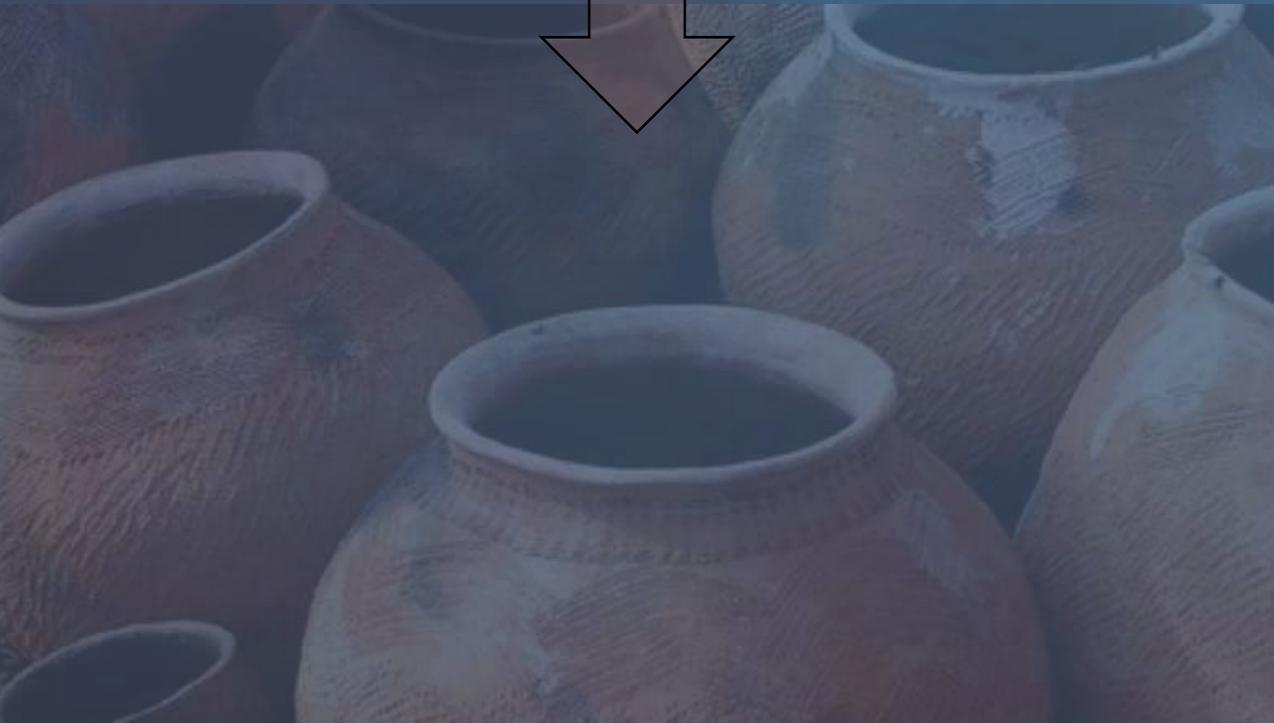
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So will it be with the resurrection of the dead.

The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised

IMPERISHABLE

it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in

it is sown in weakness, it is raised in

POWER

glory

it is sown a natural body, it is raised a

spiritual body



Philippians 1:21-23

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. **My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.**

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us,²² and who has also put his seal on us and **given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.**



THIS MAY KILL ME . . .
BUT I CANNOT LOSE!

EVEN IF I MUST DIE
A THOUSAND DEATHS
BEFORE I DIE.

COURAGE requires . . .

CONFIDENCE

beyond this life

2 Peter 1:13-15

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

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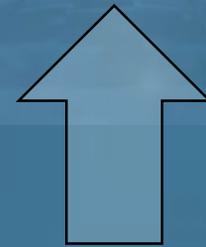
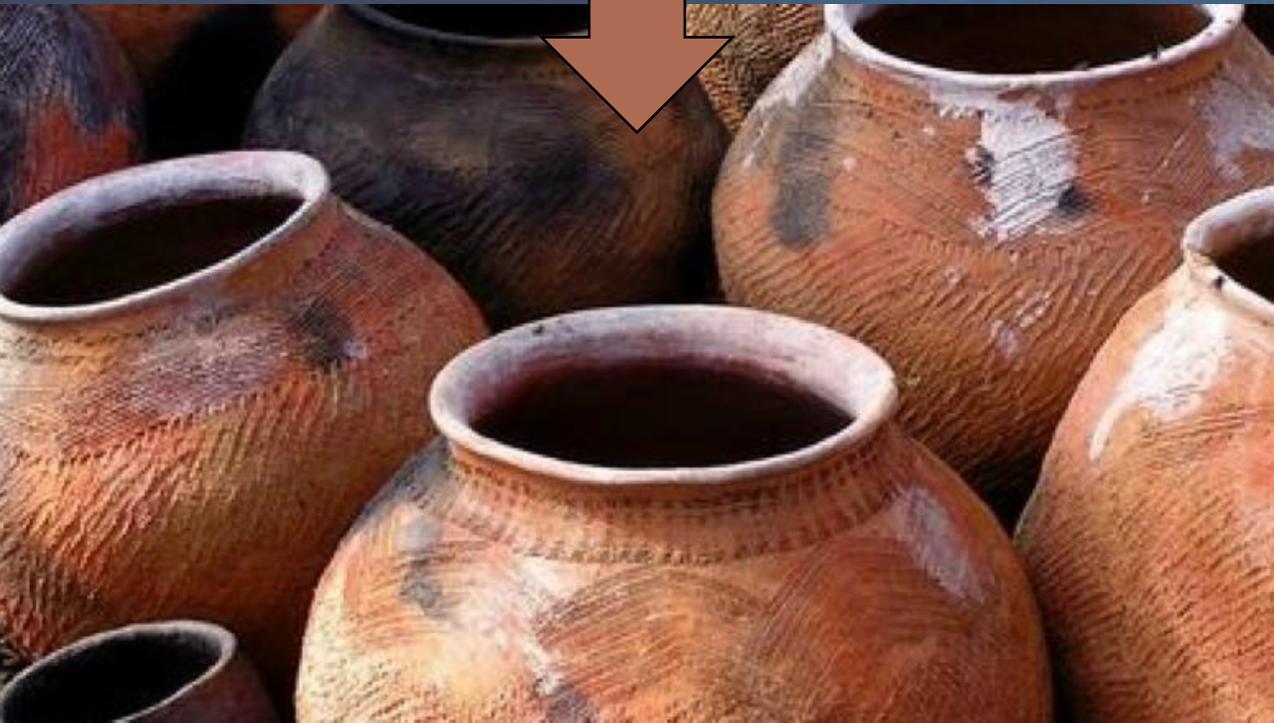
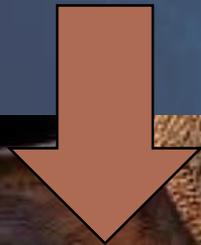
1 Corinthians 3:12-13

Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—¹³**each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it,** because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.

1 Corinthians 3:14-15

If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

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