

Sharpening the Skill of a Thick Skin #1

“Get Real!”

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

The phrase “thick-skinned” means “not capable of being affected or disturbed by c_____.”

Proverbs 19:11 - “It is to his glory to o_____ an offense.”

1 Corinthians 13:5 - Love has a t_____ s_____ but a t_____ h_____.

Developing a strong self-esteem can be like a t_____ s_____.

Getting Real about Our Inadequacy

2 Corinthians 4:7 - Paul likens us to j_____ of c_____, meaning that we are f_____, w_____, and f_____ creatures.

“On our best days we’re just dignified d_____.” (Tony Evans)

John 15:5 - Jesus said, “Without Me, you can do n_____.”

Getting Real about Our Invincibility

2 Corinthians 4:8-15 - We think it’s the e_____, but it usually isn’t.

“You are immortal till your w_____ is done. Who can break the vessel that the L_____ intends again to use?” (C. H. Spurgeon)

2 Corinthians 1:8-10 - God sometimes gives us m_____ than we can handle, so that we will r_____ on Him.

Getting Real about Our Identity

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 - We need to focus on the i_____, the u_____, and the e_____ to know our identity.

2 Corinthians 3:4-5 - Our confidence comes from G_____.

Philippians 4:13; John 15:5 - “I can do a_____ things through Christ... but without Christ I can do n_____.”

Word Search - 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

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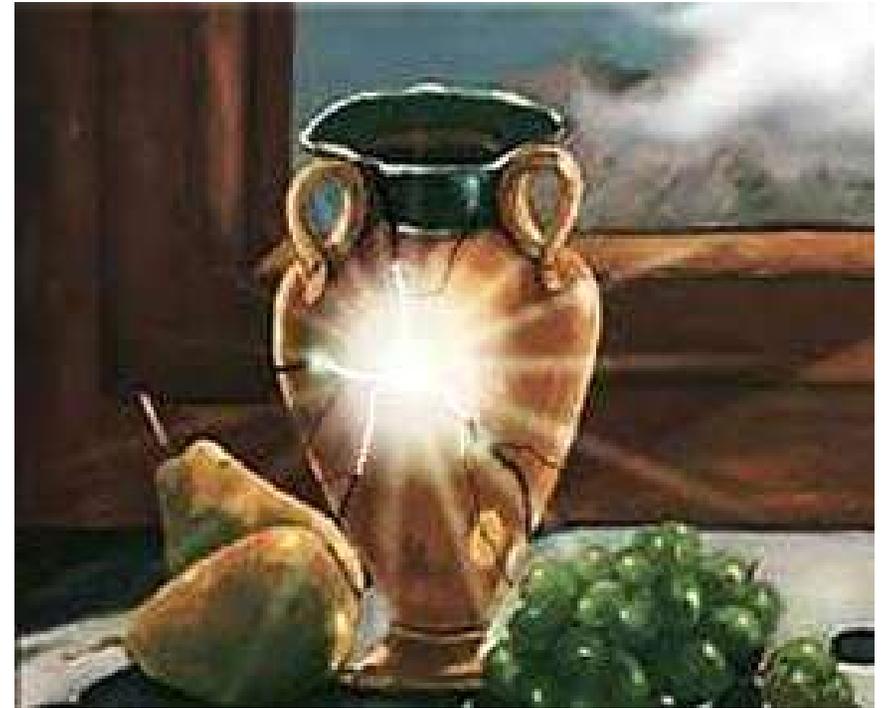
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| CRUSHED | PRESENCE | |
| DEATH | REACHING | |

Because of Jesus, I am a
child of the King!



“How great is the love the Father has
lavished on us, that we should be
called children of God! And that is
what we are!”
(1 John 3:1)

Developing a Thick Skin



*“But we have this treasure in jars of
clay to show that this all-surpassing
power is from God and not from us.”*
(2 Corinthians 4:7)