



## A GOD-LIVED LIFE

- A Life of Being a Disciple
- A Life Lived for Others
- *A Life of Hospitality*
- A Life Lived Shrewdly

### MONTH 3

#### *A Life of Hospitality*

This month, we look at the God-lived life as one that opens our lives to others. As we invite people into our lives and our homes, God gives us opportunities to share Jesus as we build relationships with them.

### WEEK 12

Each week in our God-Lived Life Challenge, we'll have a midweek devotion to remind us what it's all about—why we do what we do. This week, we remember the great treasure we clay jars have.

## GREAT TREASURE—MESSY JAR

*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**

When is your house the cleanest? Usually when company is coming over! We want our home to look its best so people to feel comfortable whether it is a house, an apartment, or simply our dorm room.

We can be reluctant to host if our home is a mess or we won't have time to clean. Unless everything is in place, we feel we can't engage others, show hospitality, or be comfortable as a witness for our Savior.

Sometimes we treat relationships in life the same way. We present ourselves so people think we have life put together and everything in its place. Or we may think we can't approach others who seem to have everything in order while we feel a mess.

The apostle Paul's words are so comforting when you feel a mess. We often face rejection and difficult times. The only thing that seems certain is that our life is not at all in order. We're so busy. We don't have enough time. The mess seems to be nonstop! We see every reason we aren't ready or worthy to show hospitality. Paul says, "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." We are clay jars. But look inside and see the treasure we hold—the good news of a Savior from sin and his love. That is something the world and our neighbor needs. The selfless, caring love we have been shown is a love we can show others no matter if our life and homes are neatly in place or a mess.

Whether you have time to clean the house or not, show hospitality. You are a clay jar meant to show the real treasure of Jesus' love and forgiveness. Sometimes messy jars are the vessels that best display Christ treasure of joy and peace to others who need it too. Remember what's most important—the treasure, not the jar. May your hospitality show and share with others this great treasure housed in your jar of clay.