

A LIFE OF GREATNESS

CHAPTER 9 | TEACHING SEGMENT 2

(PLEASE WATCH THE STORY SEGMENT CONNECTED TO THIS CHAPTER)

OUTLINE

**JESUS' LOVE FILLS THE CRACKS OF OUR BROKEN EARTHLY VESSELS,
CREATING A TREASURE THAT HOLDS THE GLORY OF GOD**

PREMISE:

- God's healing LOVE seals the cracks of our broken lives
- Our true calling: to SHARE the love of Christ

1. POURED OUT AS LIQUID GOLD

A. God's treasure

- In Japanese culture, a method called *kintsugi* is used to repair broken items of value. Instead of discarding the vase or plate that now seems useless, they liquefy gold and pour it between the cracks to seal the break. When the gold has sealed the cracks, the vessel is even more beautiful than it was originally and has greater value than when it was whole.
- What an amazing picture of what Jesus has done for us! He sealed the cracks of our broken lives with His healing love and we hold His treasure in our earthen vessels (2 Corinthians 4:7).
- It's incredible to know that in these vessels the glory of God shines through us and because of His greatness—not our own—we can pour out His love to the rest of humanity. Here we are, world. We're here to serve you!

B. A godly life

- Dr. T.L. Osborne had a profound impact on Ceitci's life and that of countless others. One of the things she honored and admired about him was that his eyes reflected the image of Jesus; he was kind, accepting, and encouraging, sharing Jesus with everyone.
- On March 6, 2013, people came from around the world to celebrate his life. He had preached the Gospel in more than 100 countries. People commented that when others came to preach, they spoke about themselves and their accomplishments, but when Dr. Osborne came, he preached only about Jesus.
- Your calling may be different—you may not be traveling the world to preach, but we are all called to travel within our neighborhood or family, sharing the love of Christ with the world around us.
- Whatever profession you may serve in, don't hold that title as the representation of who you are. You are an ambassador of Christ, an evangelist according to the Word of God because of the revelation that we received by knowing Jesus.
- Remember... Don't stop this journey. Christ is alive in you, and you are beautiful. The best is yet to come!

TAKE TIME TO THINK AND DISCOVER:

Consider these additional thoughts as you complete the experiential imagery exercise and the personal reflection questions for this chapter:

- Experiential imagery exercise: *What are some of the cracks that represent your life or the lives around you that you would like to help seal? How could you become liquefied gold to help someone else? Start today.*
- Personal reflection, Question #1: *[Remember when you fully surrendered each area of your life to Christ...]*

- Record some moments or scenarios of times you experienced God's love and compassion, or
- Write examples that you could give to someone else of how Christ met you in the midst of your need.
- Remember times when God healed or "liquefied" you through the purification process, possibly times when He said, "It's OK to be human, it's OK to fail. My love is greater and able to restore you."
- Question #2: [*In which areas of your life would you like to...*] We all have areas in which we can grow, and yours may be different from someone else. Write them down and then decide, *What can I do today to take a step forward in being more compassionate, more loving towards my family, my boss, or even towards God? What can I do to become more "liquefied" in my life and express that passion and love to others?*
- Question #3 [*List 5–10 talents...*] Your talents, gifts, and visions are valuable and needed in the world today. Don't disqualify yourself; you have something unique to offer.
- Question #4 [*What kind of difference...*] We've already learned about a life of significance in previous units, but here's a reminder: A life of significance is what we leave as a legacy, the truths and example we leave for someone else to take and say, "I learned this from them and now I can implement it in my life; they have become the platform that I can be upon right now. Their life was an example and I am taking that example so that I can be a better person and a better follower of Christ."
- This is the life of significance that will live on past your earthly life. Be encouraged!