

The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in caves near the Dead Sea between 1947 and 1956. The scrolls had been stored in clay jars, calling to mind Paul's illustration in 2 Corinthians 4:7: "But we have this treasure [the Gospel] in Earthen vessels." We are the fragile "Earthen vessels," subject to weakness and breakage. But Paul's point is that in spite of our weakness: "we do not lose heart" (verse 16) because we have an eternal dwelling in Heaven. (5:1) Therefore: "We walk by faith, not by sight." (5:7), and "We do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen." (4:18)

Abraham saw the same way when God told him he would be the father of a multitude, even though he and Sarah were beyond childbearing age. "In hope against hope Abraham believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken." (Romans 4:18) Eyes of faith are needed when our physical eyes cannot yet see what has been promised. (Hebrews 11:1)

Like Abraham, trust by faith in God's promises, regardless of what your senses say.

2 Corinthians 5:7 "For we walk by faith, not by sight."