



SERMON TITLE:

**In Our Brokenness
God Still Uses Us**

SCRIPTURE:

Jeremiah 18:1-4

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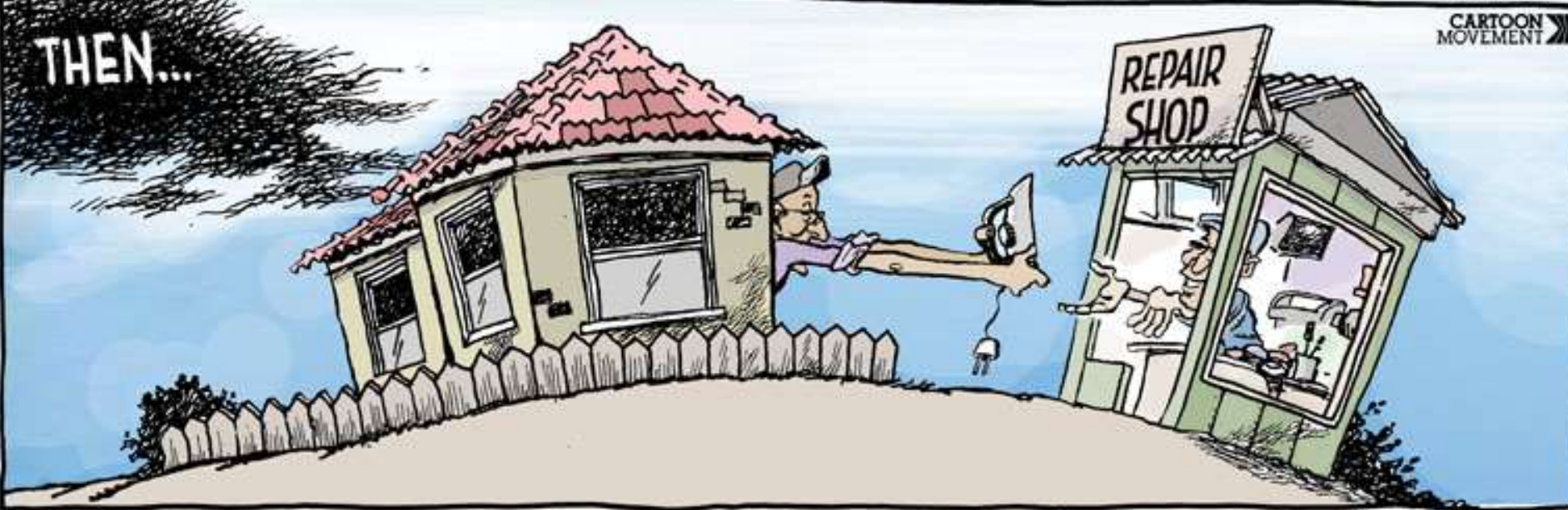






THROW AWAY SOCIETY


THEN...



NOW...





A man with a balding head, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie, is shown from the chest up. He is pointing his right index finger towards the right side of the frame. The background is dark and out of focus, with some blue and green light sources. The text "YOU'RE DEAD TO ME" is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the bottom of the image.

YOU'RE DEAD TO ME



We seem to throw away anything old today, we don't mend repair revive or review what is old, only embrace what is new.

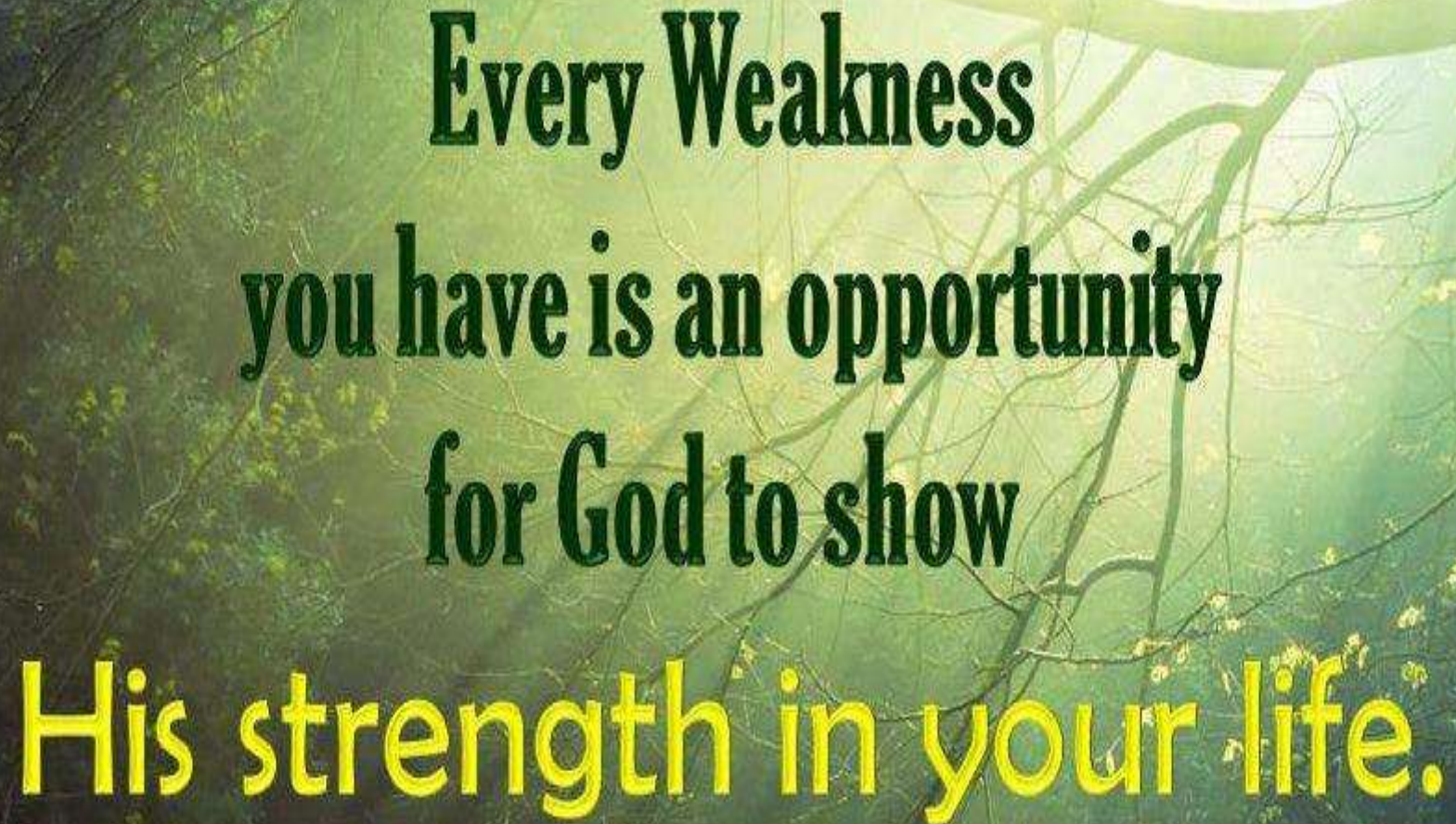
This sadly is true of our older generation, once they do not serve society out they go into a "facility" to hurry up and die.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay,
to show that the surpassing power
belongs to God
and not to us.

—2 Corinthians 4:7



⁸ *We are* hard pressed on every side, yet not
crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹
persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down,
but not destroyed--



**Every Weakness
you have is an opportunity
for God to show
His strength in your life.**

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:9

God will hear your cry

A photograph of a person lying face down in a vast expanse of golden sand. Their hands are pressed against the sand, fingers spread, in a gesture of prayer or desperation. The person is wearing a green wristband on their left wrist and a black headband. The scene is brightly lit, creating a warm, golden glow.

**He will lift you out
of the pit of despair**

Psalm 40:1-2






You're Broken

**You
must admit**



First Step....





If we confess our
sins, He is faithful
and just and will
forgive us our sins
and purify us from
all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

In everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus
for you.



1 Thessalonians 5:18

² Keep your eyes on *Jesus*, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it.

Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: cross, shame, whatever. And now he's *there*, in the place of honor, right alongside God.



Hebrews 12:2

Submit yourselves
then to God.

Resist the devil,
and he will flee from you.

Come near to God, and
He will come near to you.

James 4:7-9

**We must combat this national
throw-away mentality!**



Recycle everything you can.



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*Invest in durable products
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Be an inquisitive shopper.








3,000 lbs. would feed 650 Americans for an entire day

 = 100 people



 = 1,000 lbs.




Wealthy countries waste 15,000 lbs. of food every second.

This is equal to the amount of food production for entire Sub-Saharan Africa.

Per capita waste is approximately 245 lbs. per year in Europe & North America.



Do we take our abundance for granted?

A close-up photograph of an antique pocket watch with a white face and Roman numerals, resting on a dark wooden surface. The watch has a metal case and a chain attached to the back. A small key is lying next to the watch. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures of the wood and the metal.

Time is more valuable
than money. You
can get more
money, but you
cannot get more

time.

TIME & CONVENIENCE

LET US NOT GIVE UP
MEETING TOGETHER,
AS SOME ARE IN THE HABIT OF DOING,
BUT LET US
ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

AND ALL THE MORE
AS YOU SEE
THE DAY
APPROACHING

Hebrews 10:25



40 All the other commandments and all the demands of the prophets stem from these two laws and are fulfilled if you obey them.

Keep only these and you will find that you are obeying all the others."




Matthew 22:40 (TLB)

**Anyone who shows contempt for another
person's life is a murderer,
and you know that no murderer
has eternal life abiding in him.**



1 John 3:15 (paraphrase)



When asked how they managed to stay together for 65 years, the woman replied, "We were born in a time where if something was broke, you fixed it...

...Not throw it away."