



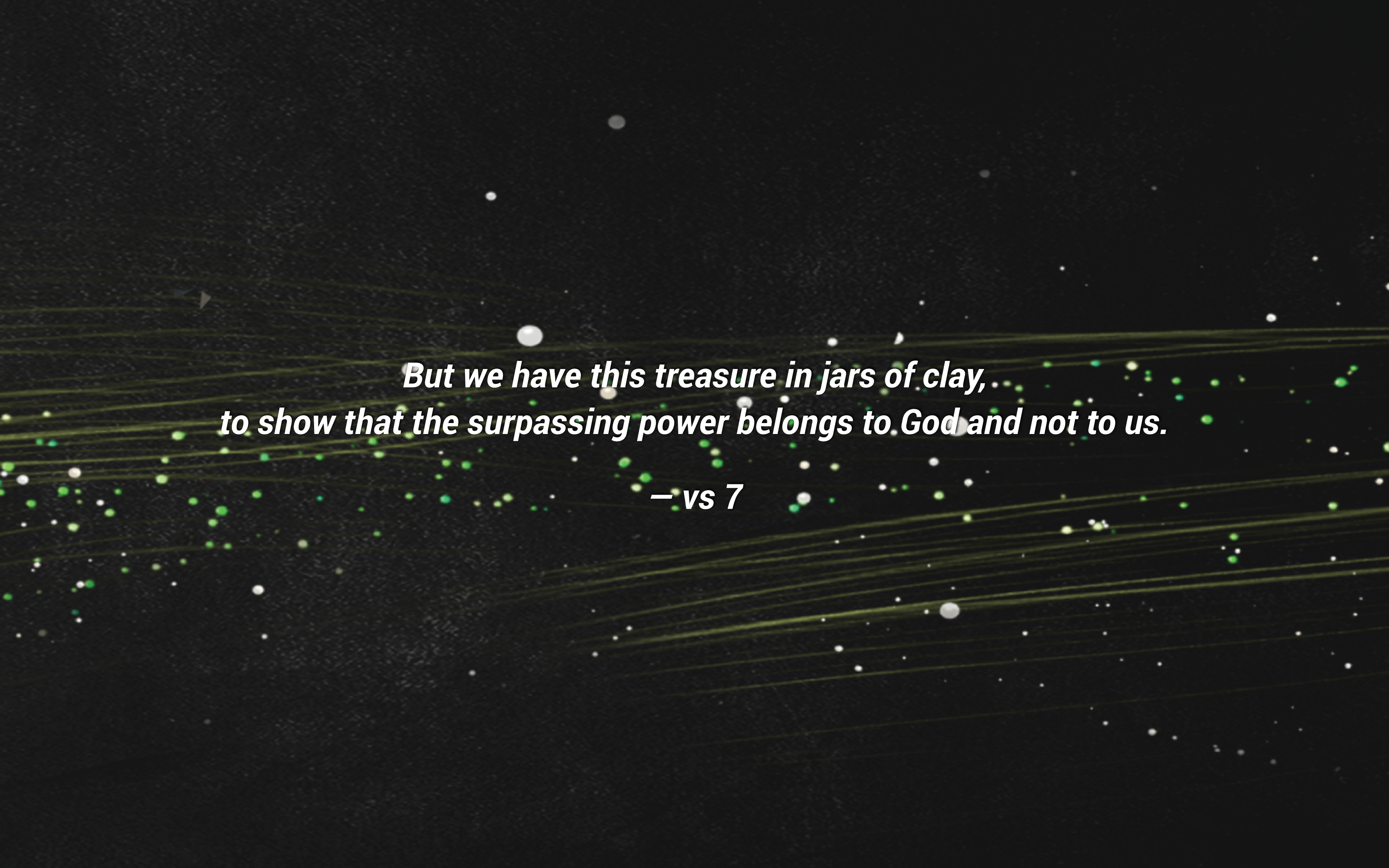
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OF THE GOSPEL



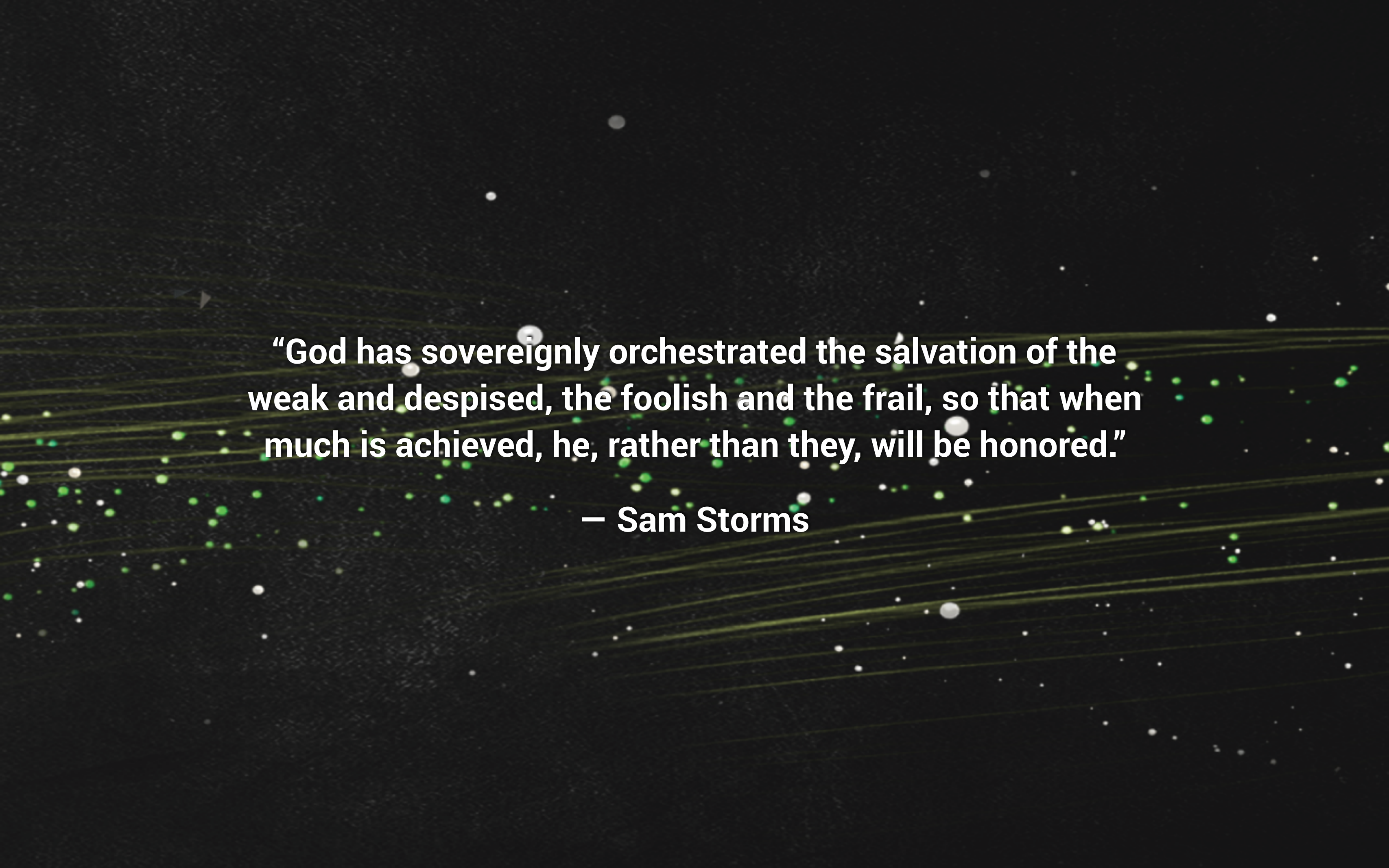
TREASURE IN JARS OF CLAY

2 Corinthians 4:7-18



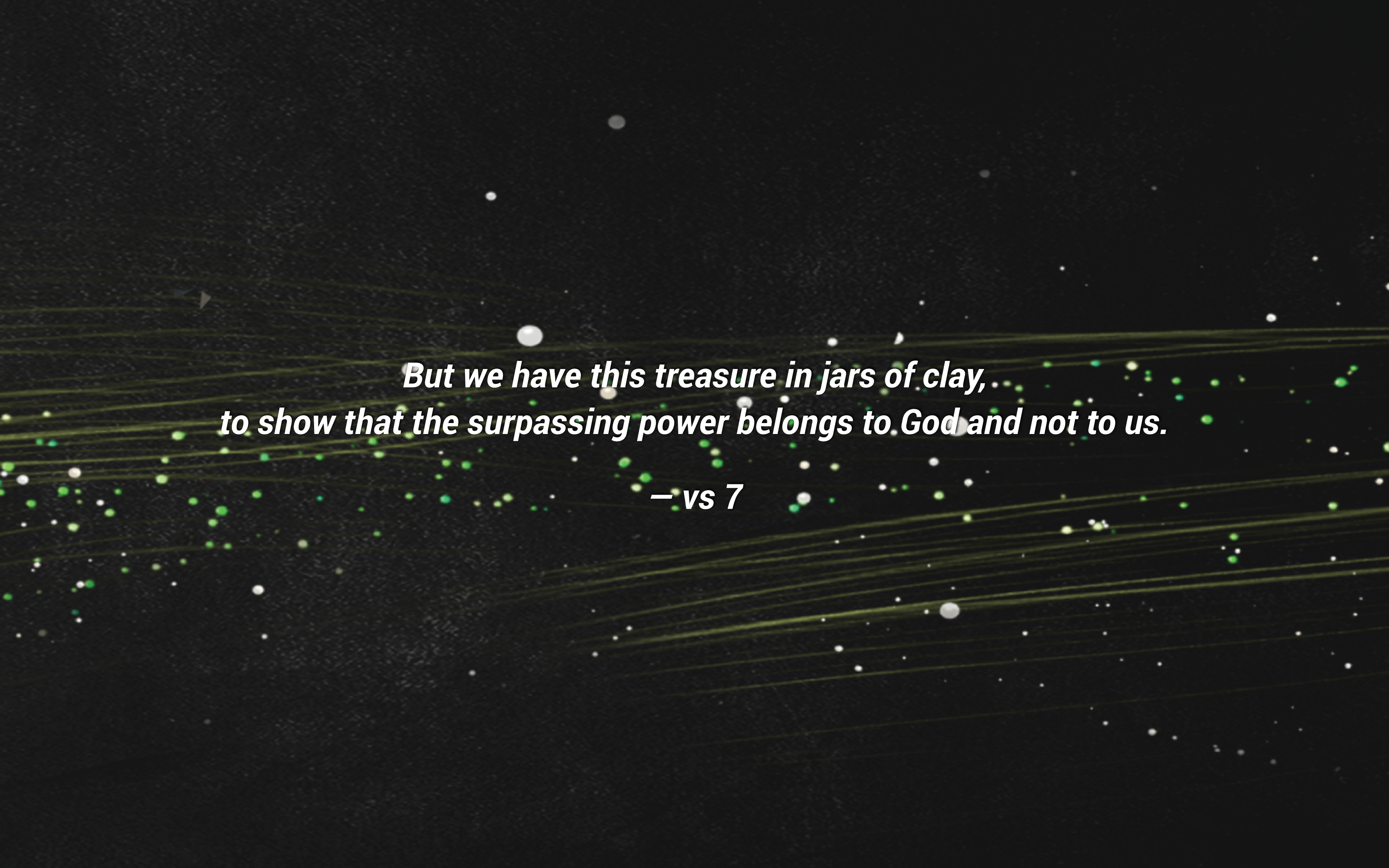
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to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.*

— vs 7



“God has sovereignly orchestrated the salvation of the weak and despised, the foolish and the frail, so that when much is achieved, he, rather than they, will be honored.”

— Sam Storms



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***We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed;
perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but
not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;***

— vv 8-9

always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

— vv 10-12

For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.

— 2 Corinthians 1:8-9

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Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

— vv 13-15



***So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away,
our inner self is being renewed day by day.***

— vs 16

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

— vv 17-18

*For I consider
that the sufferings
of this present
time are not worth
comparing with
the glory that is to
be revealed in us.*

— Romans 8:18

*And we all, with
unveiled face,
beholding the glory
of the Lord, are
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into the same
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to another.*

— 2 Corinthians 3:18

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“The faint, far-off results of those energies which God’s creative rapture implanted in matter when he made the worlds are what we now call physical pleasures; and even thus filtered, they are too much for our present management. What would it be to taste at the fountainhead that stream of which even these lower reaches prove so intoxicating? Yet that, I believe, is what lies before us. The whole man is to drink joy from the fountain of joy.”

— C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*

The background is a deep black space filled with numerous small, bright green and white dots, resembling distant stars or particles. Several thin, glowing green lines streak across the scene, primarily concentrated in the lower half, creating a sense of motion or light trails.

"Some mortals say of some temporal suffering, 'No future bliss can make up for it,' not knowing that Heaven, once attained, will work backwards and turn even that agony into a glory."

— C.S. Lewis, *The Great Divorce*



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