

## Thought for the Day – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022

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### Broken Pots

I found this thought very suitable for our current weather situation

A water bearer in India had two large pots, both hung on the ends of a pole that was slung across his neck. One of the pots was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. The other was cracked. At the end of a long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot always arrived half full.

The broken pot was embarrassed and miserable. One day, while the water bearer was filling it up at the stream, the pot spoke: 'I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologise to you. I have only been able to deliver half of what you give me because of the crack in my side. I leak all the way back to your house, making extra work for you.'

The water bearer smiled. 'Haven't you noticed the flowers that are growing on only your side of the path? I've always known about your crack, and so I planted flower seed on your side of the path, not the other. You've watered them every day without realising it.'

You don't need to be perfect for God to use you. You just need to be available.

*Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me ..... For when I am weak, then I am strong*

2Corinthians 12: 9 – 10 Message Bible

With less false dependence on our own worthiness (less of us) and a greater awareness of our need for His help and presence (more of Him), we create space to receive the light of God. Our flaws and hurts allow Christ to shine through us, and they become a way for His love to reach others.

From 'Soul Fuel' by Bear Grylls

We give thanks for the rain but we are also aware of countries still with drought or floods. All part of God's creation.