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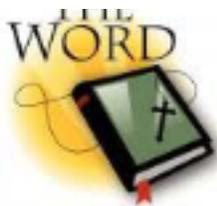
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If the silver was left a moment to long in the flames, it would be destroyed. The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the Silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is refined?" He just smiled at her, and answered, "Oh, that's easy...when I see my Image in it!" If today, you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has His eye on you, and when He sees His Image in you, you will have come forth as Gold! Scripture: "Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction." Is. 48:10 "But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as Gold!" Job 23:10

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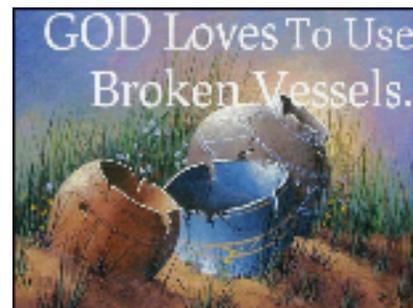
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They circled the edge of the china with black paint. How unattractive was the china when it was put into the furnace! But the fire wrought an Amazing Transformation! And when it was taken from the furnace, the minister looked in Wonderment upon the exquisitely beautiful pieces of china, The Black had become Bright Gold; and the Blue and Red had become Lustrous and Bright! Whatever God has allowed upon you for a time, be it suffering or pain, we know that all things work together for Good to them that Love God; and for now. “His Grace is Sufficient for thee. His Strength is made perfect in Weakness.” And when you have been tried, you will come forth as Gold!

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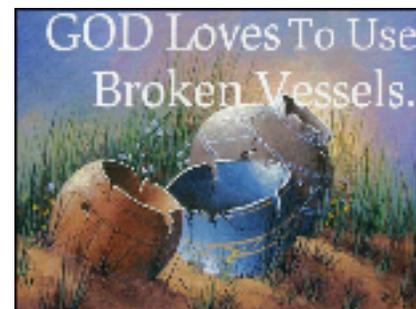


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