

Parable of the Potter

Jeremiah 18:1-6



Jeremiah 18:1-7 NLT

The LORD gave another message to Jeremiah. He said, "Go down to the shop where clay pots and jars are made. I will speak to you while you are there." So I did as he told me and found the potter working at his wheel. But the jar he was making did not turn out as he had hoped, so the potter squashed the jar into a lump of clay and started again. Then the LORD gave me this message: "O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand."



Who...What...
has shaped your life?



Prophetic Message from Jeremiah...

ONLY JESUS (THE POTTER) CAN ...

1. FORM US
2. REFORM US
3. TRANSFORM US

1. FORMATION IS A PROCESS

Jeremiah 18:3-4

So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel.

But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; NIV



How do vessels become
'marred'?

Not Centered (Imbalanced)
on the Wheel of life.

Internal Imperfections
sometimes Surface.

Part of the Clay Dries out.



Max Lucado “Just Like Jesus”

“God Loves you just the way you are, but refuses to leave you that way. He wants you to be Just Like Jesus.”



2. REFORMATION IS A PROCESS

Jeremiah 18:4

But the jar he was making
did not turn out as he had
hoped, so the potter
squashed the jar into a
lump of clay and started
again. NLT



Spoiled, Flawed or Disfigured Clay is never Discarded...

As Long as the Clay stays Moist and Tender... the Potter Continues this work of Formation and Reformation.

Why?

1. Potters love Clay.
2. Potters see Potential.
3. Potters have too much Invested.
4. Potters are Faithful and Committed to Craftsmanship.



3. TRANSFORMATION REQUIRES HIS TOUCH

Jeremiah 18:6-7

As the clay is in the
potter's hand, so are
you in my hand. NLT



Be Assured of the Potter's Constant Contact

Without the Potter's Hand...

1. The Clay would not be on the wheel to begin with.
2. The Clay would spin off the wheel after the first cycle.
3. The Clay would self destruct.
4. The Clay could never form, reform or transform itself.
5. Clay cannot be shaped into a vessel by Centrifugal Force.



Big Questions...

Will you allow Jesus to...

1. FORM YOUR SOUL
2. SHAPE YOUR CHOICES
3. RESHAPE YOUR ATTITUDES
4. REFORM YOUR CHARACTER
5. TRANSFORM YOUR PERSONALITY
6. CHANGE YOU... TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

