



“Shaped by the God’s Hand”

Vessels in Transition: The Potter Is Still at Work

Isaiah 64:8, NL - But heaven whispered, “O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are the potter. We all are formed by your hand”

Introduction

Beloved, today we stand before the Potter’s wheel. The Word declares in Isaiah 64:8 (NLT): “And yet, O Lord, you are our Father. **“We are the clay, and you are the potter. We all are formed by your hand.”**

This is not just poetic language - it is a prophetic truth for this very hour. **We are not abandoned works; we are vessels in transition, shaped by divine hands that know our purpose even when we do not.**

The Clay on the Damascus Road: To illustrate this, let us consider a man named Saul in Acts 9. He was a rigid clay vessel - formed by religious tradition, hardened by zeal, and set on a destructive course. **But on the road to Damascus, the Potter pressed His hand upon him.** A light from heaven shattered his self-made mold, and Saul fell, blind and broken. Yet this was not the end - it was the beginning of remolding. For three days, the Potter worked silently. Then, through the obedience of Ananias, the Lord laid the finishing touches. The scales fell. Sight returned. **And the persecutor became a preacher** - Paul, a chosen vessel for the Gospel. Romans 9:21 (NLT) – “When a potter makes jars out of clay, doesn’t he have a right to use the same lump of clay to make one jar for decoration and another to throw garbage into?”

How do we become what God designed us to be?

1. **Divine Intimacy: God is Personally Involved in Forming Us.** We are not shaped by random forces or impersonal fate. The hands that formed the heavens are the same hands forming your life. Ephesians 2:10 KJV - For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. God is near, intentional, and intimate in His shaping of our identity and calling.



Before conversion our lives had no rhyme or reason. Conversion brought us balance, symmetry, and order. In the Potter's hands, we must yield to His divine process, so we can become all He intended us to be.

2. **Ongoing Transformation: We Are in a Continual Process of Being Shaped.** Saul's moment on the Damascus road was dramatic, but it was only the beginning. God's work in us is continual, patient, and sometimes painful - but always purposeful. **Philippians 1:6 KJV**

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

3. **Hope and Purpose: The Potter's Work Is Not Finished.** No matter how marred your past, God sees your future. Just as He repurposed Saul for kingdom impact, He is shaping you for eternal purpose. **Acts 9:15 KJV** But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

These truths anchor us:

4. **You Are Not Discarded — You Are Designated**
5. **Yielding Is the First Step to Transformation**
6. **God Uses Pruning, Testing, and Waiting to Shape Us**
7. **Transformation Is Already in Motion**
8. **The Potter's Hand Is Always Present**
9. **Hope in God's Unfolding Purpose**

I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow, Worldly pleasures all forsaken; Take me, Jesus, take me now.

**Chorus: I surrender all, I surrender all; All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.
Yo me rindo a Él, Yo me rindo a Él; Todo a Cristo yo le entrego, Quiero serle fiel.**