# Jeremiah 18 - Vessels That Don’t Break

## Overview

In Jeremiah 18, God invites the prophet to the Potter's house for a live prophetic demonstration. There, Jeremiah sees how the Potter reshapes a marred vessel into something new. God uses this scene to reveal His sovereign authority to shape nations and people. This chapter explores themes of surrender, reformation, resistance, and prophetic burden.

## Verse-by-Verse Breakdown

Verses 1–4 – The Prophet at the Potter’s House
- God sends Jeremiah to observe how clay is shaped and reshaped.
- The clay was marred in the potter's hand - a reminder that brokenness does not disqualify us from being used.
- The wheel represents divine process, and the Potter represents God's intentionality.

Verses 5–10 – God Declares His Right to Reshape
- God likens Israel to clay, showing that He can reshape any nation or person depending on their repentance.
- Mercy is available to those who turn, and destruction is inevitable for those who rebel.
- This section reveals that divine judgment and compassion are conditional based on response.

Verses 11–12 – The People's Rebellion
- Despite the warning, the people say 'It's no use!' and choose to walk in their own plans.
- This shows fatalism and pride: an unwillingness to be molded.
- God mourns their refusal to change.

Verses 13–23 – The Prophet’s Persecution
- The people attack Jeremiah instead of heeding his message.
- They dig pits and plot harm, illustrating the burden of prophetic ministry.
- Jeremiah remains faithful, modeling obedience under pressure.

## Discussion Questions

1. What area of your life feels marred - but still in God's hands?
2. How should Christians respond to the Master's reworking?
3. Are there areas where you are resisting the Potter's shaping?
4. Will you yield to the Potter's plan in every area of your life?
5. What can we learn from Jeremiah about being faithful under pressure?

## Journal Prompts

- Describe a moment where you felt like God was reshaping you.
- What 'wheels' or processes are you currently on?
- In what areas have you resisted God's reworking? What are you afraid to surrender?

## Homework Assignment

1. Read Isaiah 45:9 and Romans 9:20–23 for further study on God as Potter.
2. Reread Jeremiah 18 slowly and prayerfully.
3. Write a prayer titled: 'Shape Me, Lord.' Let it be honest about the areas you've resisted Him in.
4. Memorize Jeremiah 18:6 - 'Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in My hand.'