In His Hands

Jeremiah 18:1-6

- Jeremiah 18:1–6 (NIV84) "This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ² "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. ⁴ But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. ⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me: ⁶ "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel."
 - The <u>Potter</u> represents <u>God</u>.
 - The Clay represents us.
 - The Wheel represents circumstances.

The <u>potential</u> for the person who <u>responds</u>.

- Jeremiah 18:1–3a (NIV84) "This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ² "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." ³ So I went..."
- Ephesians 2:10 (NIV84) "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."
- Romans 8:28 (NIV84) "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

The <u>problem</u> for the person who <u>resists</u>.

- Jeremiah 18:3b–4 (NIV84) "...I saw him working at the wheel. ⁴ But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands..."
- Philippians 1:6 (NIV84) "...He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

The <u>promise</u> for the person who <u>repents</u>.

- Jeremiah 18:4b–6 (NIV84) "...the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. ⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶ "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel."
- 1 John 1:9 (NIV84) "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Digging Deeper: Where is God leading you? What does He want to teach when you get there? How is He shaping you into the person you're meant to be? Are you ready to let Him work in you as He sees fit? A transformed life begins with genuine repentance and a willingness to accept His guidance. Do you trust God's hands to mold and remake you into an instrument He can use?

