
The Journey





“This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ‘Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.’ 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; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.



Then the word of the LORD came to me: '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.'" – Jeremiah 18:1-6



You are not the *Artist*. You are the *Canvas*.

“For you shaped me, inside *and out*.
You knitted me together in my
mother’s womb *long before I took my
first breath*. I will offer You my
grateful heart, for I am Your *unique*
creation, filled with wonder and awe.
*You have approached even the
smallest details with excellence*; Your
works are wonderful; I carry this
knowledge deep within my soul.”

Psalm 139:13-14

We are all on the Potter's Wheel

- There are things about our lives that we have no control over.
- We didn't choose the year we were born, our ethnicity, or even the family we were born into.
- But the Artist sees things that no one else does. He sees the finished product.
- You are allowed to be a masterpiece and a work in progress at the same time.
- Not everyone will understand your process.



Redefining Beauty

- God takes us on journeys.
- Beauty is distinguished by its peculiarity.
- God is not an assembly line. Our God is a Potter who shapes and forms us on the wheel and even when we run from Him, God reverences our resistance and uses our resistance to shape and form us.
- We never get off the wheel.



A Circular Journey

- In the life of Peter, we get to see the whole journey.
- “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” Luke 22:31
- **“When” not “if”.**
- Jesus didn’t just predict Peter’s denial, He predicted Peter’s return.
- That should change the way we pray for our nation, for our world, for people.



Some of God's greatest work happens in the dark.

Jesus is laboring for you

- He is on the journey with you.
- You are not what people say you are, you are not even what *you* say you are. You are what Jesus is shaping and forming you to be.
- When others speak judgment over where you are, remember, the Master Artist sees the finished product and what He began He is faithful to complete.
- You are becoming... and you never get off the wheel.
- *“Wanting only happiness is like being stuck in one season forever. It is limited, ordered, controlled, and frankly just plain boring. Don’t just long for one emotion, discover and embrace the whole of your human journey.”* – Danielle Strickland

Embrace the Journey

