## The Potter's Hands

Jeremiah 18:6 KJV

[6] O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

Jeremiah's visit to the potter's house was more than an observation, it was a lesson about God's sovereignty and care. The potter skillfully shaped the clay, patiently reworking it. In the same way, the Lord Jesus shapes our lives, using His wisdom and love to make us vessels fit for His purposes. Our imperfections and failures do not disqualify us, they are opportunities for His grace to shine as He patiently molds us.

Just as clay must be properly centered on the pottery wheel to be shaped correctly, our lives must have Jesus Christ as the foundation. Without Him, we become unbalanced and can collapse under pressure. But when He is at the center, we can be formed into the image He desires.

The potter applies pressure in just the right places. Trials and challenges may feel overwhelming, but they are part of God's refining work. As Peter writes, "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth ..." (1 Peter 1:7). God's hands are steady and purposeful, ensuring that every pressure serves to refine our character and strengthen our faith.

A heart that remains soft and pliable allows God to shape it. When we trust Him, we can rest in the fact that His design is perfect, and His work in us is ongoing. Paul confidently declares, "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" (Philippians 1:6). The Potter's hands are never idle.