



THE POTTER'S WHEEL

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

Jeremiah 18:1-6

ADDITIONAL STUDY

Isaiah 64:8
Proverbs 24:16a (ERV)
James 4:10

PRAYER POINT

+ Cancel every negative word you have spoken over yourself because of the areas that are marred in your life; also declare that the negative opinions of others are void in your life.

+ Ask God to put the broken pieces of your life in His wheel and form something beautiful out of it – as it seems pleasing in His eyes.

And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make. - Jeremiah 18:4

The potter works by throwing a lump of clay on a turning wheel, while he uses his hands to mould and shape whatever vessel he desires. Like the clay vessel on the Potter's wheel, you may feel like you have just been going round in circles and life doesn't make sense again; but irrespective of where you are now and what you are going through, God can still reach you. People may have given up on you and you may have given up on yourself, but God has not given and will not give up on you.

Certain areas of your life may not be turning out the way you think they should, you may be paying a big price for a bad decision and it looks like you can't come out – people may have labeled you as a failure and you may feel like life has knocked you down, but it is not whether you get knocked down, what matters is whether you get back up.

Albert Einstein did not speak until he was 4-years-old and did not read until he was 7. His parents thought he was "sub-normal," and one of his teachers described him as "mentally slow, unsociable, and purposeless, forever in foolish dreams." He was expelled from school and was refused admission into the Zurich Polytechnic School. He did eventually learn how to speak and read; he became the father of modern physics and nuclear physics and won a Nobel Prize. Can you imagine what would have become of Einstein if he gave up on his dreams due to his failures and people's negative opinions? People branded him "a failure," because he had flaws but that wasn't God's verdict.

The potter in the passage did not throw away the vessel he made that was marred; rather he turned it into another vessel, as it was pleasing in his eyes. Likewise, God will not give up on you or throw you away because you are marred. He can put you back together again; He can bring a message out of your mess, favor out of your failure and glory out of your story... But like the clay, will you be flexible in the hands that created all things and submit to Him?