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Potter

Isaiah 64:8

What is the "Big Idea?"

To understand that as clay we must rest in the hands of the Potter. (What is our goal today?)

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Isaiah 64:8, *Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.*

Clay in the Potter's Hand

Jeremiah 18:1-6, *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. He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel.*

5 Ways the Clay is Transformed by the Potter

1. Deep conviction and desire that you want your life to _____, and you can't do it alone.

Matthew 4:19, *"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men.*

2. Recognition that you must submit and _____, not control and _____ .

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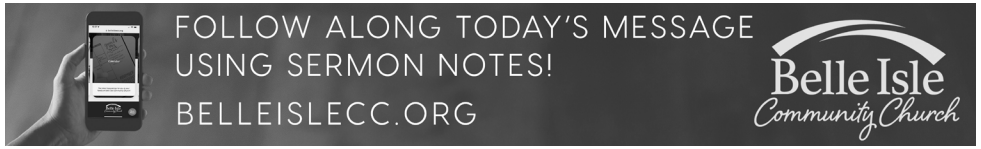
Isaiah 45:9, *"What sorrow awaits those who argue with their Creator. Does a clay pot argue with its maker? Does the clay dispute with the one who shapes it, saying, 'Stop, you're doing it wrong!' Does the pot exclaim, 'How clumsy can you be?' (NLT)*



Isaiah 29:16, *You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, "You did not make me"? Can the pot say to the potter, "You know nothing"?*

3. Sincerely, completely _____ in the One who holds you and your future.

Job 10:8-9, *"Your hands shaped me and made me. Will you now turn and destroy me? Remember that you molded me like clay. Will you now turn me to dust again?*

Genesis 2:7, *Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.*

4. Willingness to endure _____ hardship for _____ transformation.

2 Corinthians 4:7-10, *But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.*

5. Humbly surrender to His _____ to use you for His _____ .

2 Timothy 2:21, T*hose who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.*

Ephesians 2:10, *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Isaiah 43:7, *"Everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."*

The Big Takeaway: *(How did God speak to you today?)* _____

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In case you missed them...
Answers: *1. Matter 2. Follow/Lead 3. Trust 4. Temporary/Eternal 5. Purposes/Glory*