



THOUGHTS ON JEREMIAH:

— THE POTTER'S HOUSE —





The Scripture:

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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.'

— *Jeremiah 18:1-2 (NIV)*

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The Reflection:

Of course, we are caught up in the adventure of Jeremiah right away. It is like we are walking along the road with him to the potter's house and are awaiting what the message will be. Jeremiah watches the potter at his wheel creating a pot. However, there is a slight flaw in the pot so that it would be worthless to continue working it. Instead, the potter scrapes off the clay of the damaged pot and throws it back on the wheel. It is nothing but a new pile of clay. Then, the potter makes another pot with a different shape.

This is fun to watch, even in the imagination. But the lesson is sharp. We get too big for our britches sometimes. We begin to think we can orchestrate and design our own fate and future. The simple little children's sermon at the potter's house confronts us with a different truth. Notice verses 11-12: God announces through Jeremiah that He intends disaster for Israel, and Israel's response is, "It is no use. We will continue with our own plans; we will follow the stubbornness of our evil hearts." (Jeremiah 18:11-12)



Take a Moment to Consider:

1 Where in my life am I currently feeling the "pressure" of the Potter's hands?

2 In what ways have I been "stubborn" about my own plans instead of being pliable clay?

3 If I were "thrown back on the wheel" today, what new shape might the Potter be forming?

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