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Mold And Shape You

Will you allow me to mold and shape you? Will you allow me to make you into the person I have called you to become? Will you allow me to use you according to my purposes to fulfill my plans? Will you go where I guide you? Will you do what I ask of me? Will you place all your faith and hope and trust in me? Don't answer me too quickly. Deeply consider all my questions. Get this, I will ask you to go, and you will not know where you are going. I will ask you to do, and you will feel incapable and incompetent. You will feel unprepared, unqualified and certainly uncomfortable. Why is this, you may ask. That thought did come to my mind. I want you to learn to rely on me completely. I want you to place all your trust in me. You have often asked me to grow your faith, have you not? Yes, that prayer has been in my heart and on my mind. Know this, the road on which I will lead you will certainly answer this prayer of yours. Will you listen attentively to me? Will you watch carefully to what I will show you? Yes Lord, I will. That will be very good.

How are you feeling about all that I have said to you? I am filled with wonder and anticipation. I would be lying if I did not say that I am more than a little nervous. **How do you think I would like you to feel about what I have said to you?** I don't know. **Take a guess.** I think you want me to be filled with comfort and peace and joy. **Why is that?** You want me to always remember that it is you who will be molding and shaping my life. You are the potter. I am the clay. I will be the work of your hands. **Isn't that good? Isn't that great!** Yes, it is far beyond what I could have ever hoped for, dreamed of or even imagined. **That is very good.**

Lord, I give you permission to mold and shape my life according to your purposes and plans. I welcome you to do your work in and through my life. I want to be used by you. I want to go where you lead me. I want to do all you ask of me. I am at your service. Amen

Promises *I Will Give You My Message*

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NIV Jeremiah 18:1-6**Promises** *I Will Speak To You There*

The LORD gave another message to Jeremiah. He said, "Go down to the potter's shop, and I will speak to you there." So I did as he told me and found the potter working at his wheel. But the jar he was making did not turn out as he had hoped, so he crushed it into a lump of clay again and started over. Then the LORD gave me this message: "O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand.

NLT Jeremiah 18:1-6**Promises** *I Will Let You Hear My Words*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

NRSV Jeremiah 18:1-6**Promises** *I Will Cause You To Hear My Words*

THE WORD which came to Jeremiah from the Lord: Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words. Then I went down to the potter's house, and behold, he was working at the wheel. And the vessel that he was making from clay was spoiled in the hand of the potter; so he made it over, reworking it into another vessel as it seemed good to the potter to make it. Then the word of the Lord came to me: O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does? says the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.

AMP Jeremiah 18:1-6**Promises** *I Will Announce My Words To You*

The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD saying, "Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will announce My words to you." Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something on the wheel. But the vessel that he was making of clay was spoiled in the hand of the potter; so he remade it into another vessel, as it pleased the potter to make. Then the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Can I not, O house of Israel, deal with you as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.

NASB Jeremiah 18:1-6**Promises** *I Will Let You Hear My Words*

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NKJV Jeremiah 18:1-6**Promises** *I Will Tell You What I Have To Say*

GOD told Jeremiah, "Up on your feet! Go to the potter's house. When you get there, I'll tell you what I have to say." So I went to the potter's house, and sure enough, the potter was there, working away at his wheel. Whenever the pot the potter was working on turned out badly, as sometimes happens when you are working with clay, the potter would simply start over and use the same clay to make another pot. Then GOD's Message came to me: "Can't I do just as this potter does, people of Israel?" GOD's Decree! "Watch this potter. In the same way that this potter works his clay, I work on you, people of Israel.

MSG Jeremiah 18:1-6**Promises** *I Will Talk To You There*

Here is another message to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Go down to the shop where clay pots and jars are made, and I will talk to you there." I did as he told me and found the potter working at his wheel. But the jar that he was forming didn't turn out as he wished, so he kneaded it into a lump and started again. Then the Lord said: "O Israel, can't I do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand.

TLB Jeremiah 18:1-6**Promises** *I Will Give You My Message There*

This is the word the LORD spoke to Jeremiah: "Go down to the potter's house, and I will give you my message there." So I went down to the potter's house and saw him working at the potter's wheel. He was using his hands to make a pot from clay, but something went wrong with it. So he used that clay to make another pot the way he wanted it to be. Then the LORD spoke his word to me: "Family of Israel, can't I do the same thing with you?" says the LORD. "You are in my hands like the clay in the potter's hands.

NCV Jeremiah 18:1-6

I will Give You My Message

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – Jeremiah 18:1-6

In Context: *Read Jeremiah 18*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you followed the Lord's leading even when you didn't know where you were going?

How has the Lord surprised you by redirecting your life in a way that you did not anticipate?

When has the Lord used a common everyday object to teach you something about Him?

How are you listening attentively and watching closely so you can hear and see what the Lord has for you?

What has the Lord been using to mold and shape your life according to His purposes and plans?

What comfort and encouragement are yours because you know the Lord is molding and shaping your life?

How is the Lord now using you to accomplish His purposes and fulfill His plans?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow the Lord to mold and shape you according to His purposes and plans.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord is molding and shaping you according to His purposes and plans.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has been molding and shaping your life.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you allow the Lord to mold and shape according to His purposes.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will allow you to mold and shape me according to your purposes.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how do you want to mold and shape my life according to your purposes?
