

BE THE MESSAGE – PART 3
DISCOVERING YOUR PURPOSE

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Jeremiah 18:1-10 - This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD :
² "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. ⁴ 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. ⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶ "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?" declares the LORD . "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷ If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, ⁸ and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. ⁹ And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, ¹⁰ and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

1. TO RECOGNIZE THE _____ OF GOD.

Psalms 100:3 - Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Jeremiah 18:6 - "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

Isaiah 45:9 - "Woe to him who quarrels with his Maker, to him who is but a potsherd among the potsherds on the ground. Does the clay say to the potter, 'What are you making?' Does your work say, 'He has no hands'?"

Jeremiah 18:4 - 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.

2. TO REALIZE OUR PURPOSE IS TO HAVE A _____ WITH OUR CREATOR.

God is with us, in us and by us. His life is our life and our life is His life.

3. TO REST IN _____ TO SHAPE US FOR HIS PURPOSE.

Jeremiah 18:4 - 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.

How do we hinder God from shaping us:

- A.** *We refuse to _____.*
- B.** *We _____ so our heart gets hard and dries up.*
- C.** *We have _____ convictions. We have too little consistency and are too moist.*
- D.** *We have unconfessed _____.*

Isaiah 49:16 - *'See I have engraved you on the palm of My hands....'*

Isaiah 41:9-10 - ...I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. ¹⁰ So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

2 Corinthians 4:7 - But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

Jeremiah 18:8-10 - and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. ⁹ And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, ¹⁰ and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

My “Be the Message” Challenge:

- Read chapters 4-7 in “*Be the Message*” hardback book for sale in lobby.
- Practice *The Divine Whisper* at the end of each chapter.
- Complete the section, *Love the One in Front of You*, at the end of each chapter to apply what you’re learning.
- Take the 30 day challenge/Commit to 21 (Days/Minutes/Chapters in Book of John)