



The Potter and the Clay

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Isaiah 64:8 – But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

The Modern Clay Process:

1. Collecting:
2. Sifting:
3. Reclaiming:
4. Wedging:
5. Pottery Wheel:
 - a. Centering:
 - b. Throwing:
 - c. Removing:
 - d. Trimming:
6. Drying:
7. Firing:
8. Glazing and Re-Firing:
9. The Finished Piece:

Additional Information:

(things to know before looking at the biblical process)

1. Clay Fired (**John 10:28**, John 6:40, John 17:3):
2. Pottery (Mark 16:15, Romans 8:28, Psalm 57:2, **Proverbs 19:21**):
3. Yatsar (Psalm 139:13, Exodus 15:17, Ephesians 6:10, **Job 5:18**)
4. Location (Matthew 28:20, Hebrews 13:5, **John 17:15**):

Clay Vocabulary

Unearth – To remove the top layer of earth in order to find clay.

Sifting – To remove all foreign particles from the clay (rocks, roots, animals)

Dust – Undefined natural clay

Reclaiming – To add clean water to the dry clay in order to reestablish moisture

Batt – A rubber placemat that is put on a wheel to stabilize the clay and make it easier to remove

Spin Strength – The speed at which the wheel moves, which varies depending on the type of clay and piece being created

Leather-hard – Workable clay that is partially dry

Trimming – Cleaning up imperfections

Green ware – Clay that is in the process of drying before it has been fired.

Kiln – The oven used to fire clay.

Bisque ware – Clay that has been fired, but not glazed.

Glaze – A mix of pigment and glass

Glaze ware – A finished piece

Pottery – A clay vessel that is intended for use.

Ceramics – Decorative pieces made from clay.

The Relationship between The Potter and the Clay:

1. Collection (Genesis 1:7, Romans 1:16)

KEY POINT: We were _____ by God.

2. Sifting (Genesis 3:17b, Genesis 3:19b, Psalm 139: 23, Psalm 51:10)

KEY POINT: God gently works to remove all of our _____

3. Reclaiming (John 4:14, John 7:38)

KEY POINT: Our dry souls are reclaimed by _____

4. Wedging (Isaiah 41:25, Exodus 3:5, Joshua 5:15, Matthew 28:9)

KEY POINT: God's _____ and _____ prepares us for His purpose.

5. The Wheel (Genesis 28:22, Exodus 20:25, 1 Kings 18:32, Romans 12:1)

KEY POINT: We must _____ our desires, in order to _____ God's desires.

6. The Wheel Process

- a. Centering (Job 11:18, Psalm 40:2, Psalm 91)
- b. Throwing (Isaiah 64:8, Psalm 92:4, Hebrews 1:10)
- c. Removing (Job 33:6)
- d. Trimming (Isaiah 40:31, Romans 12:2, Titus 3:5)

KEY POINT: God transforms us through _____, _____, and _____

7. Drying (Psalm 41:2, 1 John 5:18, Nehemiah 4:9, Psalm 59:1, Psalm 91:14)

KEY POINT: God _____ us from evil, especially when we are vulnerable

8. Firing (Isaiah 48:10, Jeremiah 9:7, Daniel 11:35, 2 Corinthians 13:9, Philippians 4:13)

KEY POINT: The heat of _____ makes us _____

9. Glazing (Revelation 3:12, Isaiah 62:2, Revelation 2:17, 2 Corinthians 5:17)

KEY POINT: We are no longer _____, we are a treasured _____

HOMEWORK: Next week we will begin to create a vessel. This vessel is to represent you as the clay. Try to find symbolism in your walk with God to make it personal, applicable, and a reminder. Remember it has to have a purpose; it cannot simply be a sculpture.