

CANVAS AND CLAY

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Isaiah 64:8 (ESV) 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.

I. GOD – THE POTTER

- a. God is the Creator

Genesis 1:1 (NLT) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

- b. All that God created, He called it “good”
That means you!

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT) “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

II. US – THE CLAY

- a. From the dust of the ground, we were created by God

Genesis 2:7 (The Voice) One day the Eternal God scooped dirt out of the ground, sculpted it into the shape we call human, breathed the breath that gives life into the nostrils of the human, and the human became a living soul.

- b. Clay becomes more valuable because of the workmanship invested into it
 - i. Our value does not come from ourselves – our value comes from God’s workmanship in us

Ephesians 2:10 (ESV) For we are God’s workmanship...

III. WE ARE SHAPED AND MOLDED BY GOD

- a. A plain blob of clay achieves its beauty by being worked on by potter
 - i. **This takes pressure, being turned around, and time**

Jeremiah 18:3-4 (NLT) 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.

IV. GOD ISN’T FINISHED WITH YOU YET

- a. You are in process
 - i. Mistakes, flaws, shortcomings – are covered by God’s grace through the process