

SERMON

DATE: Saturday - Sunday, October 5-6, 2019

SERIES: *Faithful*

SERMON TITLE: God's Pottery

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 18:1-12

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[1] 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] He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, 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.

[11] "Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, 'This is what the LORD says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.'

[12] But they will reply, 'It's no use. We will continue with our own plans; we will all follow the stubbornness of our evil hearts.'"

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1. God leads His people.

2. All things are possible with God (vs. 5-6)

- God makes all things new.
- *Matthew 19:26* Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."
- Your life can be changed.

3. God desires to forgive and to heal (vs. 7-10)

- *2 Peter 3:9* The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

4. Repentance is essential (vs. 11-12)

Lagniappe

Beginning in January, we are planning to emphasize people coming to know and follow Christ with a special emphasis called, "Who's Your One?"

Have you considered what would happen if we all would simply seek to reach one person we already know for Christ? How many could be reached if we determined to pray daily for our ONE?

Last week, I heard Dr. Steve Horn, the new Executive Director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention talk about three numbers.

4,652,321--the approximate population of Louisiana

33--the number of cities in Louisiana without a Baptist Church

1--that ONE person we all can pray for and seek to reach.

His point was that we can all do something about ONE person and that as a convention we can help plant new churches so there is not one place without a strong, Godly witness.

God has given us the privilege and responsibility of going into all the world with the Gospel. We should begin in our homes, schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods. We all know ONE. We all should seek to win that soul for Christ.

As we move through the Fall, we will prepare you for winning your ONE. In January, we will continue to equip to do the work of ministry as you pray for and reach your ONE.