

## THE MASTER'S TOUCH

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### **Jeremiah 18:3-4**

*“So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw **him working at the wheel**. But the **pot** he was **shaping** from the **clay** was **marred** (disfigured) **in his hands**; so the potter **formed it into another pot, shaping it as it seemed best to him.**”*

Many times we pray for the Lord to touch us, but do we really know what we are asking for? When praying this prayer we often think of the end product of how we will become a vessel of honor in God’s hands, but we never consider the process God uses to make the vessel. For us to become that pleasant finished vessel, it will take us to allow God to mar us in His hands and reshape us as He sees best. With this in mind, we must be willing for Lord to break the present vessel that we may have worked so hard to become. This process is not easy because it causes us to be disfigured resembling nothing of what we were before. This means we have to be willing to lose our present identity in order to gain His identity.

The Lord often uses the pains, trials, and challenges we encounter in life to shape us to beautiful vessels. You may not have realized that some of your trials and painful experiences in life are the master’s touch. We often focus on the pain and sorrow rather than the beautiful vessel being formed. The following quote from Charles Spurgeon gives a wonderful description of the process and end product of the master’s touch.

*“As to our present pain and grief, God sees not these things exclusively, but He sees the future joy and usefulness which will come out of them. He regards not only the tearing up of the soil with the plow, but the clothing of that soil with the harvest. Let us comfort ourselves with this... ‘You have never seen the Great Artist’s masterpiece; you have seen the rough marble, you have marked the chippings that fall on the ground; you have felt the edge of the chisel, you know the weight of the hammer, and you are full of the memory of this things; but oh, could you see that glorious image as it would be when He puts the finishing stroke to it, you would then understand the chisel, and the hammer, and the Worker better than you now do!’”*

The refining process of making us better Christians is a never ending process. The Lord keeps refining us because we need His touch all the time. I pray that you will never view the pains, heartaches, trials, and sorrows in your life the same again. The end product that God will make out of you will be glorious and will be a great blessing to your life and the kingdom of God.