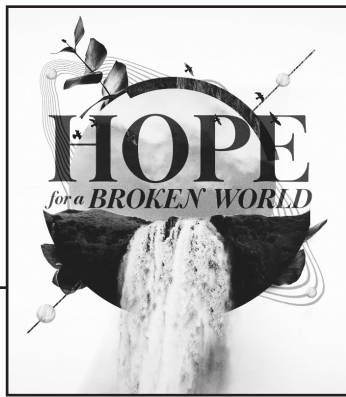




Clay in the Potter's Hands

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***You are truly a masterpiece
because of the One Who made you.***

INTRODUCTION:

Life can feel like a lump of clay. How often we find ourselves unable to see beyond our everyday failures to our God-given potential.

There is hope though, because there is a Potter. He is the one that shapes, molds and brings meaning and purpose to life. He can be trusted. He waits for us to place ourselves in His hands.

THE PROCESS OF MAKING A MASTERPIECE:

1. PREPARING THE CLAY

The process of making pottery begins with preparing the clay. This includes both the adding of water and a practice called wedging which consists of kneading the clay to remove any bubbles while also causing the clay to become less sticky.

Our spiritual life begins with the Living Water, Christ, coming into our lives; then a spiritual wedging begins, filling the empty places in our life while causing us to no longer stick or cling to the world as before.

2. SHAPING

Many believe God is far away, a cosmic power that is vague and untouchable. But this isn't true. He never takes His hands away from His clay. Whether a potter uses a hand building technique or wheel throwing, his hands remain on the clay, constantly molding and shaping.

When we yield ourselves to being placed on the center of the wheel – God's will, He is able to pull and stretch us, mold and form us, protect and purge us of anything that shouldn't be there. All that stretching and pressure placed on the clay leads to something beautiful being created.

3. FIRING

Firing brings about the maturity of the clay causing it to endure and last even thousands of years. It changes the clay on a molecular level transforming it from a soft, pliable substance to that which is strong and durable.

4. FINISHING

This last step consists of adding the glazes and paints; it's where the color begins! Any artist will tell you there are limitless combinations of colors and glazes making each piece not only hand-formed unique, but also individually decorated.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. Are you presently in the Potter's hands?

It's the safest place to be; He is waiting for us to yield ourselves to His love and purpose.

2. Are you walking through a time of fire?

The Potter is with you; He can bring purpose from the fires.