



Jeremiah 18:1-3 (NIV)

[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.



Jeremiah 18:4-5 (NIV)

[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:



Jeremiah 18:6 (NIV)

[6] "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel."



2 Corinthians 4:6-7 (ESV)

[6] For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. [7] But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

Born Blind, for God's Glory

John 9:1-41



Romans 5:3-6 (NIV)

...we also **REJOICE** in our sufferings, because we know that **suffering** PRODUCES perseverance; [4] **perseverance**, character; and **character**, hope. [5] And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. [6] You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

Paul said to REJOICE in our SUFFERING:

- **it produces PERSEVERANCE**
- **it produces CHARACTER**
- **it produces HOPE**

**→ Jesus asked him to make a
COMMITMENT right after he
had been Persecuted**

→ There are none so blind as
those who **WILL NOT See**

What Things Do We Refuse To See?

- **That God's Forgiveness and Grace Really APPLY to US**
- **God's Goodness DURING Times of Hardship or Suffering**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

Be joyful ALWAYS;

pray CONTINUALLY;

give thanks

in ALL CIRCUMSTANCES,

for this is God's will for you

in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 4:6-7 (ESV)

But we have this **TREASURE**
in **jars of clay**, to show that
the surpassing power
belongs to God and not to us.

2 Timothy 2:20 (NIV)

In a large house there are articles
not only of gold and silver, but also
of wood and clay; some are for
NOBLE PURPOSES and
some for **ignoble**. (COMMON USE)