



## Scary Prayers

Mold Me (Jeremiah 18:1-6)

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**BIG IDEA:** God always sees me as a work in progress, and is molding me into a masterpiece as long as I stay malleable.

**We're All Like Clay Pots** (Genesis 2:7, 3:9; Job 10:9; 2 Corinthians 4:7)

- There is an interesting picture God has of us that He carries throughout the Bible, He compares us to dirt or clay pots, but He has put a treasure in us – a soul that gives us life. God wants to constantly mold and shape that treasure into a more perfect design that He has in mind.
- When I pray, “Mold me, Lord,” I am saying, “God, I know I have imperfections, and I want you to fix them.” Are you willing to pray that?
- How important is it to you that this journey you’re on in life be one that makes you into the creature your Creator, God, sees in His mind’s eye?

**1. God, The Potter, is constantly at work at the wheel.** (v1-3; Isaiah 64:8; Ephesians 2:10)

- When you or I decide to accept Christ into our hearts, we are surrendering our cracked, imperfect clay pots over to God to do something with them.

**2. The Potter has the right to mold the clay however He wishes, and the clay has no choice but to trust.** (v4-6; Romans 9:20-23; Isaiah 29:16; 2 Corinthians 4:7-9)

- Our lives are as fragile as clay in God’s hands, and He has the ability to reshape our lives however He sees fit. The God who crafted creation has not lost control. He’s still molding. He’s still shaping. He’s still guiding. Even in the darkest times and in the darkest areas of our lives, He is molding.
- God is always going to see you as a work in progress, and if you are malleable, He will make you into a masterpiece.

### NEXT STEP:

*Make the time in prayer this week to allow God to mold you, starting now.*

### FOR MY PERSONAL TIME WITH GOD THIS WEEK:

1. Read Jeremiah 18 and 19 this week. Consider how God molds in chapter 18, but then threatens to break those who are not malleable in chapter 19. In what areas of your life is God trying to mold you? Are there any areas where God may be at the point of breaking you, because you have not been willing to allow the Potter to mold you thus far?
2. Sometimes when we are struck down, we can at least feel like we are being destroyed. What do Psalm 34:18 and Psalm 51:17 say to those feelings?
3. Have you ever thought about how God has shaped you in your life? What times in your life can you see the most clearly that God has molded you, and how? Were there any times when you thought you were being molded one way and then everything changed and suddenly you were on a different path?
4. Romans 9:20-23 and 2 Timothy 2:19-21 say that some of us as vessels are made for honor and others for dishonor. Why do you think that is? Which do you think God made you for, and why?

### GRACE PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

God, thank You for seeing me as a work in progress, help me to be malleable – mold me into Your desire for my life. When I’ve made my own desires more important than Yours, God - mold me into Your desire for my life. Though it is painful, take this stone heart, God, and give me a heart of flesh - mold into Your desire for my life. God, You know my imperfections and the things in me that hurt You. Show them to me – mold me into Your desire for my life. Like a gardener prunes the vine, take away those things in me that do not honor You - mold me into Your desire for my life. God, Your ways are good and you work in Your own time, I want to trust You - mold me into Your desire for my life. God, when I feel pressed-in from every side, when I am in despair and feel abandoned - mold me into Your desire for my life. Amen.