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The Potter House and The Alabaster Box

Jeremiah 18:6

O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

Jeremiah, the prophet was sent to the potter's house, not to preach a sermon, but to receive a sermon by the observation of the potter molding and sculpturing the clay. God instructed Jeremiah to go to the potter's house He was going to give Jeremiah a message to give to the people of God.

Just as the clay was marred in the potter's hand, and he had to reshape it as it seemed best to him, so could God do to the people of Israel.

Just as God instructed Jeremiah to go to the potter's house, we too need to go to the potter house so that we can be reshaped and sculptured in ways that will be pleasing in God's eye-sight.

On this Christian journey we go through many hurts and disappointments and

sometimes we get marred and we need the Lord to re-sculpture us mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

Some of the things we have been through have made many of us bitter, and angry with the people that wrong us as well as God. In order for us to be reconciled and be in unity with the Spirit of God, we have to go to the Potter's House. Our conception for both the natural and spiritual has to be modified.

The things we go through is to build us and strengthen us in the things of God. God doesn't take us through things to destroy us, but to establish us. Before a baby can walk they must first crawl, they crawl for awhile then they begin to try to take one step at a time. In learning, they fall, they cry, they get up and try it again until they can balance their walk without falling. New converts are like babies in the spirit, and they will fall and stumble when trials and test come their way, but once you have been in the faith for years, there is a time one should stop falling and stumbling and begin to walk according to the word of God.

Everything we've been through is to equip us to minister to God's people. When I say minister that's not standing behind a pulpit. We can't tell people what God can do for them if we have never experienced, He's deliverance, mercy and grace in

different areas of our lives. Faith comes by hearing the word of God, as well as the things we have experienced. Experience will bring about godly character, in our waiting for deliverance it will build our trust and faith in God.

God will never take us through something that He will not give us the victory in, if we place our trust in Him, and first seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Moses was called by God to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt, he had to go to the Potter's house prior to being their leader, he had to be trained. Moses had to get in a position to hear from God. God had Moses' attention by a burning bush. After He had Moses' attention, then He spoke to Moses and gave him instructions.

God is speaking, but His people aren't hearing, because we need to get in a position to hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying to the church, not the physical building, but the spiritual being. Trials and tribulations will get our attention and they will make us bend our knees.

Sometimes we lose our focus and God has to get our attention by letting a little trouble come our way to bring us back to our rightful place in Him.

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Precious ointment can't come through the vessel until it has been shaped in the hands of the Master Builder.

In order for the aroma of the sweet smell of ointment that comes from the alabaster box to be in our praise, the box that holds the ointment must be clean, it must be separated from the things of the world. It must not speak blessings and curses. It must not defile the temple of God. The box which holds the ointment should abstain from all appearance of evil.

Daniel was in the hand of the Potter when God was shaping him with integrity and boldness when King Darius made a decree that no man should ask a petition from any god or man, if they did, they would be thrown in the lion's den. Daniel could have become fearful, and stop praying, but Daniel knew who his God was, and he wasn't going to let anything stop him from praying. He wasn't going to let fear hinder him from communing with the God of all creation. Daniel knew he could have either stopped his regular prayer, and obey the King and disobey God, or he could pray and let God take care of King Darius.

We can't serve God in fear, perfect love casts out fear. In other words, we don't fear what people will think, do, or say because our hope and trust is placed in the Lord of Host. We can't even give God a perfect praise if we're wondering what people will think of us. To get fear out of us, God lets us go through

different experiences to develop boldness.

Sometimes in order for God to show us how to keep something secret, He will allow the very people we tell what God is doing in our life to come against us. After several times of experiencing this, we will learn that God does not want us to tell everything He shows and tells us. There is an appointed time God wants it to be revealed. Although it may hurt when our trusted friends come against us, God is shaping and molding us to know when and when not to disclose what He's doing.

Salvation is free, but the anointing comes with a price, how bad do we want it? God will not give us His anointing if we're not willing to follow His guideline, as well as denying ourselves. Before Joseph was entrusted with God's anointing, he was rebuked by his father because of the dream he told them God had given him. He was disliked by his brothers and sold to the Ishmaelites, they sold him to Potiphar, an Egyptian officer. God had placed loyalty in Joseph, but his loyalty was tested when Potiphar's wife wanted to seduce him. Because of his loyalty to God, Joseph was placed in prison.

Although he had been through many tests, God was placing integrity within Joseph, and when Joseph was placed in a position to minister to God's people he knew who gave the gifts and the anointing. Before interpreting the dreams of the butler and the baker, he let them know it wasn't by his power, but by the

power of God; **"And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me them, I pray you."**

We can't forget who gave the gift and the anointing, because God has a way to bring it back to our remembrance down in the Potter house.

Although Joseph suffered many things, He never questioned God. Joseph submitted himself to God's shaping and molding his character, healing his wounded heart and emotions. After God had finished molding and shaping Joseph into the image of Him and His Son, Joseph was able to come face to face with his brothers with no unforgiveness in his heart. He had no intentions of doing them wrong because of the wrong he had received from their hands.

After the death of Joseph's father, his brother's thought he would punished them for the wrong they had did to him, but Joseph drew them with love and kindness and told them not to fear that he was in place in God. **"And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God."**

In order for us to get in a place with God He has to take us to the Potter House in order to place us in a position we will pray until we see a change in the situation as well as in ourselves. He will keep us at the Potter House until he builds trust and faith in us, remove fear and place it with boldness. Remove lying and place it with truth. Insert faith and remove doubt.

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Place in soundness and remove the double-mind. Instill love and remove hatred. He will extract hypocrisy and develop holiness, then will the sweet smell of praise go before the throne of God. Then will the praises be a sweet smell in his nostrils and sweet sound in His ears

When we come before God He looks within our inner being and sees what needs to be repaired and as we submit ourselves to Him, He will take us through a process to bring forth godly character.

If we're born-again then we have the Spirit of God living within our being. God want us to have the faith He has, He wants us to speak things into existence. Before we can speak what God want us to speak, we must have surgery within the heart, the mind has to be conform from our will to His will. Although we're saved and sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit, we still need to be polished every now and then. Jealous, gluttonous, ungodly pride, weariness and other ungodly characters has to be removed.

We are the children of God, and we should be exemplifying our heavenly Father. Pray and believe what you're praying. Pray until something happens. Don't pray if you're going to have doubt. Call those things that be not as thou they were. Decree souls to be saved and sanctified. Pull down strongholds in the lives of God's people. Intercessory prayer is not for certain individuals, God wants us to be a house of prayer.

We 're God's building, we're His church and the church of God need to know who they are in Him.

Satan has no stronghold that cannot be destroyed by the power and anointing of God. when we present ourselves before Him in the beauty of holiness.

Know that when you dedicate yourself to God, Satan will come and try to detour your dedication. We have to fight the good fight of faith. When a word of prophecy has been spoken, Satan will come and try to steal the word God has given, but we have to pray and dedicate ourselves the more to see the prophecy come to pass, because if we don't if the vision or the prophecy tarry, we will lose faith, but if we're determine to have what God has shown and told us, we will pray and fast and wait for the vision the prophecy to come into manifestation. We will welcome the Potter when He instruct us to go the Potter's House for a renewal of faith, more dedication.

We have to be like Joseph, get in a place with God where nothing can disturb our peace, take away our joy. Nothing or anyone can take anyway our love for God and our dedication. God is still doing miracles, signs and wonders, but before we can experience it, we must get in a place with God and be willing to suffer and be molded, shaped to really experience the power of God in our lives. God want us to not only speak and sing about the power of God, but to experience His power working in us.

Get out of the place of where and how God **was** using, and start striving to get in a place where He **is** using you. Saints of God, we must get in a place with God to destroy the work of the devil in the lives of God's people. Everyone of us has someone assigned to us to bring into the kingdom of God. We must submit and let God squeeze us until every wicked way and every sinful way be squeezed out of us until the sweetness of Jesus will be dominating in our being, and it will be no longer us, but Jesus that dwells in us. Put on the armor of God so after the battle you will still be standing in holiness. Walk in truth and righteousness, be ready to pray and encouraged anyone that need to be minister to without respect of person. Have faith when you pray, believe God will answer and make a change.

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