

# Personal Study Guide: The Potter and the Clay

## Scripture Focus

- “Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay; you are the potter. We are all the work of your hand.” Isaiah 64:8
- “He lifted me out of the miry clay.” Psalm 40:2
- “Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground.” Genesis 2:7
- “Remember that you molded me like clay.” Job 10:9
- “Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘He did not make me’?” Isaiah 29:16
- “Every branch that does bear fruit He prunes.” John 15:2
- “In quietness and trust is your strength.” Isaiah 30:15
- “He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion.” Philippians 1:6
- “God is our refuge and strength.” Psalm 46:1
- “The pot he was shaping was marred in his hands, so the potter formed it into another pot.” Jeremiah 18:3–6
- “He remembers that we are dust.” Psalm 103:14
- “Whoever comes to me I will never cast out.” John 6:37
- “Refined by fire.” 1 Peter 1:6–7
- “Marked in Him with a seal.” Ephesians 1:13
- “In a large house there are vessels of gold, silver, wood, and clay.” 2 Timothy 2:20
- “Being transformed from glory to glory.” 2 Corinthians 3:18

## Theme

Seeing how God has shaped, healed, refined, and transformed your life through every stage of the Potter's process.

## Reflection

Before God ever shaped you, He found you. He reached into the dirt of your life, the places where you absorbed pain, lies, and survival patterns, and He claimed you as His own. Every part of the potter's process mirrors the way God works in us. He gathers, softens, sifts, centers, reshapes, strengthens, and seals. This study invites you to look at your own life through that lens. Where has God already worked? Where is He working now? Where is He preparing you for what comes next?

## Connection to Life

We often see only the pressure, the spinning, or the fire. But God sees the vessel He is forming. Nothing in your story has been wasted. Not the dirt you came from. Not the collapse you walked through. Not the fire you survived. Every stage has been part of His careful, intentional shaping. This guide helps you recognize His fingerprints on your life so you can walk forward with confidence and trust.

## Devotional

The Potter never rushes. He never abandons the clay. He never throws it away when it collapses. He begins again with patience and tenderness. The same hands that dug you out are the hands that hold you now. The same hands that shaped you before will shape you again. God is not finished with you. He is forming something strong, beautiful, and purposeful in you. Even when you feel buried, soaked, pressed, or placed in the fire, you are in His hands. And His hands are steady.

## Prayer

Father, thank You for being the Potter who never gives up on me. Help me see the ways You have shaped my life. Show me where You are working right now. Give me trust in the places that feel like pressure and hope in the places that feel like fire. Keep my heart soft in Your hands. Make me into the vessel You designed from the beginning. Amen.

## Journaling Prompts

1. Where do I see the “dirt” God lifted me out of
2. How has God softened my heart through His Word and Spirit
3. What has He sifted out of my life that once held me back?
4. Where do I feel His steadying hands as He centers me?
5. Have I experienced a collapse that God reshaped with grace.
6. What fires has God used to strengthen me?
7. Where do I sense Him preparing me for something new?
8. What does it mean to me that God has marked me as His?