

Victory Connect Lesson
The Potter's Wheel of Discipleship
Pastor Paul Daugherty
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Key Passage: Mat 4:19 KJV - And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Introduction: Christian discipleship is like a potter forming a vessel from pliable clay. Jesus is forming us, we are the work in His hands. At times the work is imperfect and messy. A disciple is always on the potter's wheel.

1. He is the potter, we are the clay. Jer 18:6 KJV - 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.

2. Clay must be softened with water to remain useful. Eph 5:25a, 26 KJV - ...Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

3. Turning to God in honesty, humility and repentance keeps us soft and pliable. 2Co 12:9 KJV - And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

4. Peter is an example of an "unfinished product". He spoke the revelation of God and then, moments later, he spoke the words of the enemy: Mat 16:17 NKJV - Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed [this] to you, but My Father who is in heaven. Mat 16:23 NKJV - But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

5. There is always hope; God can re-shape anything that has deformed us. Isa 64:8 NKJV - But now, O LORD, You [are] our Father; We [are] the clay, and You our potter; And all we [are] the work of Your hand.

Discussion Questions:

1. Are you a disciple by default or by design?
2. When is the last time you let God change you through repentance?
3. Who or what is shaping you and your family now?

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