

## **Jeremiah 18:1-2 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup> “Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.”

**Jeremiah 18:3 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel.

**Jeremiah 18:4-5 (NIV)**

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to me:

**Jeremiah 18:6 (NIV)**

<sup>6</sup> “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.

# From **DARKNESS** to **LIGHT**

**John 9:1-41**

Romans 5:2-4 (NIV)

...And we **rejoice** in the **hope** of the **glory of God**.

<sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings,  
because we know that **SUFFERING** produces  
**perseverance**; <sup>4</sup> **PERSEVERANCE**, **character**;  
and **CHARACTER**, **hope**.

Romans 5:5-6 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> You see, at just the **right time**, **when we were still powerless**, **Christ DIED** for the ungodly.

## Paul tells us to Rejoice in our Suffering...

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

Luke 6:22 (NIV)

Blessed are you when people **HATE you** and  
when they **EXCLUDE you** and **REVILE you**  
and **SPURN** your name as evil, on **ACCOUNT**  
of the **Son of Man.**

One thing I do **KNOW** –  
**ONCE** I was **BLIND** - but Now **I SEE**

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

The physical blindness of the man born blind was treatable by the **power of God's Son**. But the Pharisees, unwilling to acknowledge **their own spiritual blindness**, placed themselves beyond the realm of **His healing power**. HNTC

→ 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
- That **God is GOOD** during Times of Hardship Suffering, or Pain

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Be joyful always; <sup>17</sup> pray continually;  
<sup>18</sup> give **thanks IN ALL** circumstances,  
for this **IS God's WILL** for you  
**IN Christ Jesus.**

Lord help me to **See YOU** in **ALL** that goes on around me

Lord help me to **See YOU** in **Everything I DO**

Lord help me to be **THANKFUL...**

no matter how I Feel... no matter the **Circumstances**

Help me Lord to **Praise and Thank YOU for ALL Things**

**Amen**

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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**.

My **FAITH** has found a **Resting Place** -  
not in device nor creed;  
I trust the ever **Living One** -  
**His wounds** for me shall plead.

Enough for me that **Jesus saves** -  
this ends my fear and doubt;  
A sinful soul **I come to Him** -  
He'll never **cast me out**.

My heart is leaning on the **Word** -  
the **written Word** of God;  
**Salvation by my Savior's Name** -  
salvation through His blood.

I need no other argument,  
I need no other plea;  
It is **enough** that Jesus died,  
and that **He DIED** for **ME**.