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# genesis church

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## JUST A LITTLE *Reminder* THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY

6:00 Pastor's Bible Study  
At church & ZOOM

### WEDNESDAY

6:30 Worship Team Practice  
at the Church

6:30 **In Person** Youth Group  
**Meeting at the Church**  
**Snacks will be Provided**  
Contact Chris for details

### THURSDAY

7:00 Men's Small Group  
Via Zoom  
Call Art for details

### SATURDAY



8:00 Reflective Walk  
Memorial Island



# PRAYER



*changes things*

Continue to pray for  
Carl Volgarino  
Barbara Van Arman  
Karen Gupton  
Lynn Lindsey  
Jimmy Morrison


Unspoken Prayer Requests

 Hope 

 Comfort 

 Love 





## A Message from Pastor Derrick

### The Potter's Wheel Prophecy Part One Jeremiah 18:1-6

#### At The Potter's Wheel, We Learn:

(1) The Potter has suitable materials to make something useful. (4)

But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot...

(a) A burr and/or a rock in the vessel he finished crafting it on his wheel presented the potter with only two options: (1) throw out the vessel/clay or (2) reform and remake the vessel again.

(b) The burr in the vessel of Israel was acknowledging God with their lips but turning a blind eye to their neighbor's plight (Isaiah 5:1-7)

(c) The burrs we have - both individually and collectively - are in us, the clay. They are not in the hands of the potter. He exposes those burrs so that we have no other option but to beg him to make us into something different instead of throwing us out.

(d) If Jesus judged us right now on the basis of how well we love our neighbor, we would all be thrown out. But we have a neighbor who first loved us instead to help us. His name is Jesus.

(2) The Potter has a motive behind the reshaping (4)  
shaping it as seemed best to him..

(a) Implies that He can hide his motives for reshaping us for reasons that only he knows.

(b) When he chooses to do that, question of "why" may go unanswered.

(c) The only option that's left is to choose to rest on his higher ways (Isaiah 55:9)

(3) The Potter has a method he uses to reshape us (6)  
Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?

(a) First, he rids the clay of impurities and puts it back on the wheel (Ephesians 2:1-10)

(b) Second, using nothing but his hands, the potter presses on top of the clay with his thumbs. He repeats this process 3 or 4 times because (a) it isn't easy to work with and (b) it increases the flexibility of the clay (2 Cor 4:8)

(c) Third, it goes through the potter's heat kiln (Refiner's Fire)

(d) Finally, it becomes suitable for holding treasured goods (2 Cor 4:7)

(e) We cannot ignore this process or ask God to skip any part of it if we really desire his "good hand" of blessing upon us once again.



(4) The Potter has a purpose for every vessel that's often far different from what the vessel desires (6)

Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel

(a) Consider, for example, the most abused verse in the entire Bible for understanding how God works in our lives: Jeremiah 29:11.

(b) "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

(c) What we want it to mean: Regardless of my actions, God will give me the best possible life.

(d) What it really means: You, Israel, are going into bondage for 70 years because you refused to obey me. But I'm going to use you in your circumstances while in Babylon. You are going to canonize much of the Old Testament.

(e) We cannot disconnect our lives from our actions. We are learning that now in our nation. But we can be sure God has a plan to use us in the way he wants to going forward.



Art Alston is inviting the men to a Zoom meeting



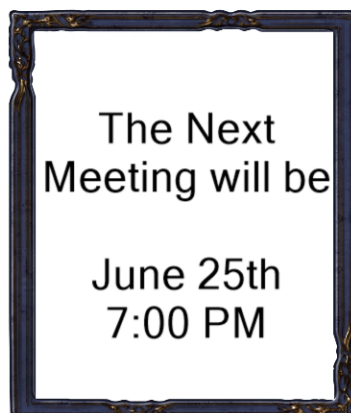
Genesis Church Men's Program

**Date & Time: June 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74177637976?pwd=eldCNVhid1I2VUxyNDRnU1J2a1kzUT09>

Meeting ID: 741 7763 7976

Password: 8CDc79





## One More Thing-

Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation (Matthew 26:41).

Go not, my friend, into the dangerous world without prayer. You kneel down at night to pray, drowsiness weighs down your eyelids; a hard day's work is a kind of excuse, and you shorten your prayer, and resign yourself softly to repose. The morning breaks; and it may be you rise late, and so your early devotions are not done, or are done with irregular haste.

No watching unto prayer! Wakefulness once more omitted; and now is that reparable?

We solemnly believe not.

There has been that done which cannot be undone. You have given up your prayer, and you will suffer for it.

Temptation is before you, and you are not ready to meet it. There is a guilty feeling on the soul, and you linger at a distance from God. It is no marvel if that day in which you suffer drowsiness to interfere with prayer be a day in which you shrink from duty.

Moments of prayer intruded on by sloth cannot be made up. We may get experience, but we cannot get back the rich freshness and strength which were wrapped up in those moments.

--Frederick W. Robertson

If Jesus, the strong Son of God, felt it necessary to rise before the breaking of the day to pour out His heart to God in prayer, how much more ought you to pray unto Him who is the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and who has promised all things necessary for our good.

What Jesus gathered into His life from His prayers we can never know; but this we do know, that the prayerless life is a powerless life. A prayerless life may be a noisy life, and fuss around a great deal; but such a life is far removed from Him who, by day and night, prayed to God.

--From Streams in the Desert