

DECEMBER 13

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**READ**

*Jeremiah 18:1-4, 2 Corinthians 4:7*

God does not call perfect people. He doesn't call the noble or wise. He calls the poor and the broken in spirit. He uses those who feel unworthy, who know that they have failed God. He picks people who are inexperienced and often defeated, who know that their victory comes only from the Lord. In Jeremiah, we see the potter at work on a vessel that was imperfect. But notice it wasn't up on a shelf; it was in the hands of the potter. He didn't give up on it. He didn't throw it away. He took the same clay and started again, making a brand-new vessel. God has you in His hands. The process He started will take your entire lifetime. When God is finished, He will hold you up as a trophy of His grace, mercy, and goodness. You might be ashamed of yourself now, but He's not ashamed of what He's doing in you. God, with His own powerful, yet soft and gentle fingers, is rubbing out that marred part of your life. You don't realize you're being shaped, pressed and perfected. His glory is shining through.

**PRAY**

The Christmas story reveals the sovereign Potter at work using imperfect people for His perfect plan. You chose Mary, an ordinary girl, to do something extraordinary. The One she carried now lives in me. I am simply an earthen vessel, a jar of clay, and the treasure is God's gift inside. Use me for something extraordinary.

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