

## SACRED ASSEMBLY SLIDE

### Jeremiah 18:1-6

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup>“Go down at once to the potter’s house; there I will reveal my words to you.” <sup>3</sup>So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was, working away at the wheel. <sup>4</sup>But the jar that he was making from the clay became flawed in the potter’s hand, so he made it into another jar, as it seemed right for him to do.

<sup>5</sup>The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>6</sup>“House of Israel, can I not treat you as this potter treats his clay?”—this is the Lord’s declaration. “Just like clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, house of Israel.

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### PRAYER OF RECOGNITION

- God as the potter has a RIGHT to do with us as His pleases; we are His, not our own.
- In this prayer, acknowledge God's sovereignty and His right to have His way ...
- This prayer is more about WHO God is as sovereign.

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### PRAYER OF PERMISSION

- Often times, we know we need to be shaped or re-formed but we hesitate and get stuck in our relationship with God. That's why a *Prayer of Permission* is often a good step ...
- We may struggle to let God have His way with us. We may want His help but not allow Him to shape us.
- If that is the case, we can just pray to give God permission to change us into a moldable state of mind.

*"I pray the Prayer of Permission. 'Lord, I know what you want me to do, but I don't want to do it. I'm giving you full permission to change the way I feel and think about it'"* Larry Osborne

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### PRAYER OF RELINQUISHMENT

- Do you know God as the potter over your life? This is a season of surrender to discipleship to Jesus.
- Or surrender or yielding ourselves to God; put our "yes" on the table.
- You could set this up by asking folks to identify something in their life & character that has not yet been shaped by God ... could have some silent prayer/reflection.

Today, O Lord, I yield myself to You.

May Your will be my delight today.

May You have perfect sway in me.

May your love be the pattern of my living.

I surrender to You my hopes, my dreams, my ambitions.

Do with them what You will, when You will, as You will.

I place into Your loving care my family, my friends, my future.

Care for them with a care that I can never give.

I release into Your hands my need to control, my craving for status, my fear of obscurity.

Eradicate the evil, purify the good, and establish Your Kingdom on earth.

For Jesus' sake, Amen. Richard Foster