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## SHAPED BY GOD

Jeremiah 16-19

## MAIN IDEA

God is shaping us, but we can resist which will lead to being broken by Him.

Yatzar (Hebrew) = Shaped/Formed

### JEREMIAH 16: 1-4 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>2</sup> "You shall not take a wife, nor shall you have sons or daughters in this place.



### JEREMIAH 16: 1-4 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> For thus says the Lord concerning the sons and daughters who are born in this place, and concerning the mothers who bore them

**JEREMIAH 16: 1-4 (ESV)**

and the fathers who fathered them in this land:  
4 They shall die of deadly diseases.

### JEREMIAH 16: 1-4 (ESV)

They shall not be lamented, nor shall they be buried. They shall be as dung on the surface of the ground. They shall perish



**JEREMIAH 16: 1-4 (ESV)**

by the sword and by famine, and their dead bodies shall be food for the birds of the air and for the beasts of the earth.

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God shapes our **personal life** for **good reasons**.

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How do you think God is shaping you right now?

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

What is something you have seen God keep from you that you wanted, but were later glad you didn't get?

"God's delays are not His denials."



**PROVERBS 19:14 (NIV)**

Houses and wealth are inherited from parents,  
but a prudent wife is from the LORD.

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Definition of waiting: "Doing everything I can until God comes and does what I can't do."

**PROVERBS 18:22 (ESV)**

He who finds a wife finds a good thing  
obtains favor from the LORD.

## 1 CORINTHIANS 7:8-9 (ESV)

8 To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am.



### 1 CORINTHIANS 7:8-9 (ESV)

- 9 But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.



1 CORINTHIANS 7:28 (ESV)

28 But if you do marry, you have not sinned, and if a betrothed woman marries, she has not sinned.

**1 CORINTHIANS 7:28 (ESV)**

Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles,  
and I would spare you that.

### 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35 (ESV)

32 I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord.



### 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35 (ESV)

<sup>33</sup> But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, <sup>34</sup> and his interests are divided.

**1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35 (ESV)**

And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit.



**1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35 (ESV)**

But the married woman is anxious about worldly things,  
how to please her husband.

**1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35 (ESV)**

<sup>35</sup> I say this for your own benefit,  
not to lay any restraint upon you,

**1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35 (ESV)**

but to promote good order and to secure  
your undivided devotion to the Lord.

**1 CORINTHIANS 7:17 (ESV)**

Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him.



### JEREMIAH 17:5-10 (ESV)

5 Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord.



### JEREMIAH 17:5-10 (ESV)

6 He is like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see any good come.

**JEREMIAH 17:5-10 (ESV)**

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

### JEREMIAH 17:5-10 (ESV)

7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

**JEREMIAH 17:5-10 (ESV)**

8 He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,



**JEREMIAH 17:5-10 (ESV)**

and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,

**JEREMIAH 17:5-10 (ESV)**

and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit."

### JEREMIAH 17:5-10 (ESV)

9 The heart is deceitful above all things,  
and desperately sick; who can understand it?

### JEREMIAH 17:5-10 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> "I the Lord search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."



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Our **hearts** are **shaped** by who we **trust**.

**JEREMIAH 17:9 (ESV)**

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and desperately sick; who can understand it?

**JEREMIAH 17:10 (ESV)**

"I the Lord search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Is there any area of your life where you are trusting in man or yourself?



## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How have you seen God's blessing  
in your life when you do trust in Him?

### JEREMIAH 18:1-4 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup> "Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words."

### JEREMIAH 18:1-4 (ESV)

3 So I went down to the potter's house,  
and there he was working at his wheel.

### JEREMIAH 18:1-4 (ESV)

4 And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel,



JEREMIAH 18:1-4 (ESV)

as it seemed good to the potter to do.

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God the **Potter shaped** you and is **shaping** you.

### JEREMIAH 18:3-4 (ESV)

3 So I went down to the potter's house,  
and there he was working at his wheel.

### JEREMIAH 18:3-4 (ESV)

4 And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel,



JEREMIAH 18:3-4 (ESV)

as it seemed good to the potter to do.

### JEREMIAH 18:5-12 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to me: <sup>6</sup> "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the Lord.

### JEREMIAH 18:5-12 (ESV)

Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand,  
so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

### JEREMIAH 18:5-12 (ESV)

7 If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom,  
that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it,



### JEREMIAH 18:5-12 (ESV)

8 and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it.

### JEREMIAH 18:5-12 (ESV)

- 9 And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it,

### JEREMIAH 18:5-12 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will relent of the good that I had intended to do to it.

**JEREMIAH 18:5-12 (ESV)**

**11** Now, therefore, say to the men of Judah  
and the inhabitants of Jerusalem:



### JEREMIAH 18:5-12 (ESV)

'Thus says the Lord, Behold, I am shaping disaster against you and devising a plan against you.

**JEREMIAH 18:5-12 (ESV)**

Return, every one from his evil way,  
and amend your ways and your deeds.'

### JEREMIAH 18:5-12 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> "But they say, 'That is in vain! We will follow our own plans, and will every one act according to the stubbornness of his evil heart.'

### JEREMIAH 19:1-2 (ESV)

Thus says the Lord, "Go, buy a potter's earthenware flask,  
and take some of the elders of the people



### JEREMIAH 19:1-2 (ESV)

and some of the elders of the priests, <sup>2</sup> and go out to the Valley of the Son of Hinnom at the entry of the Potsherd Gate,

**JEREMIAH 19:1-2 (ESV)**

and proclaim there the words that I tell you.

### JEREMIAH 19:10-11 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> "Then you shall break the flask in the sight of the men who go with you, <sup>11</sup> and shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts:

**JEREMIAH 19:10-11 (ESV)**

So will I break this people and this city,  
as one breaks a potter's vessel, so that it can never be mended.



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a. The hard, **broken pot** cannot be **repaired**.

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b. The **broken** and **repentant spirit** can be **reshaped** and made **new**.

## NANCY DEMOSS

Proud people focus on the failures of others. Broken people are overwhelmed with a sense of their own spiritual need.

## NANCY DEMOSS

Proud people claim rights; they have a demanding spirit.  
Broken people yield their rights; they have a meek spirit.



## NANCY DEMOSS

Proud people are self-protective of their time, their rights,  
and their reputation. Broken people are self-denying.

## NANCY DEMOSS

Proud people desire to be served.  
Broken people are motivated to serve.

## NANCY DEMOSS

Proud people desire to be a success. Broken people are motivated to be faithful and to make other a success.

## NANCY DEMOSS

Proud people have a drive to be recognized and appreciated.  
Broken people have a sense of their own unworthiness;



NANCY DEMOSS

they are thrilled that God would use them at all.

## NANCY DEMOSS

Proud people feel confident in how much they know. Broken people are humbled by how very much they have to learn.

**NANCY DEMOSS**

Proud people are quick to blame others.

## NANCY DEMOSS

Broken people accept personal responsibility  
and can see where they are wrong in a situation.



## NANCY DEMOSS

Proud people are unapproachable or defensive when criticized.  
Broken people receive criticism with a humble, open spirit.

## NANCY DEMOSS

Proud people want to be sure that no one finds out when they have sinned; their instinct is to cover up.

## NANCY DEMOSS

Broken people, once broken,  
don't care who knows or who finds out;

## NANCY DEMOSS

They are willing to be exposed  
because they have nothing to lose.



## NANCY DEMOSS

Proud people have a hard time saying,  
"I was wrong; will you please forgive me?"

## NANCY DEMOSS

Broken people are quick to admit failure  
and to seek forgiveness when necessary.

**NANCY DEMOSS**

Proud people are concerned  
about the consequences of their sin.

## NANCY DEMOSS

Broken people are grieved over the cause,  
the root of their sin.



**NANCY DEMOSS**

Proud people wait for the other  
to come and ask forgiveness.

## NANCY DEMOSS

Broken people take the initiative to be reconciled where there is misunderstanding or conflict.

## NANCY DEMOSS

Proud people compare themselves with others  
and feel worthy of honor.

## NANCY DEMOSS

Broken people compare themselves to the holiness of God  
and feel a desperate need for His mercy.



**NANCY DEMOSS**

Proud people don't think they have anything to repent of.

## NANCY DEMOSS

Broken people realize they have need  
of a continual heart attitude of repentance.

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

What area of your life has been hardened by your pride?

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

What is an area of brokenness in your life where you need God today?