

Theme for 2018

**WE ARE THE ARMY OF GOD &
WE ARE ARMED AND DANGEROUS!**

“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)



This Week’s Thought – June 10, 2018

“So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. 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.... Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand.” Jeremiah 18:3-4, 6 (NIV)

We are God’s work of art. If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, then God owns you. He is the potter, and we are the clay. Our life is destined to be a masterpiece in the Hands of our Master Jesus. It requires a lifetime of molding and shaping, but our life after experiencing the grace of God is more attractive than before God’s grace governed our life.

God is the artist, and you are His subject. His part is to mold and create. Your part is to be available and teachable. This is how our Master works. He needs your life coupled with your undivided attention and your moldable heart and mind. Dry and brittle clay is useless in the hand of the potter. It cracks under pressure and gives in to discomfort. However, clay that is moist and moldable is full of potential.

In the beginning, the sticky mire is unpleasing and uninviting to the eyes, but over time it begins to take shape. The molding process is not easy. Sometimes you feel discombobulated and shapeless. You know God is in control, but your circumstances have you feeling upside down and spiraling out of control. This is God’s wheel of wisdom. Uncertainty and dizziness are God’s opportunity to grip the dampened clay of your heart and form dependence on Him.

Feel His fingers of compassion, hope, and holiness. He not only comforts you but also conforms you into the image of His Son Jesus. He has the big picture in mind as He looks down on the potter’s wheel. Your perspective is limited as you look up from the clay-soaked wheel, peering up into the faithful face of the potter. *“For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.”* (Romans 8:29)

He is passionate about His work of art. Out of billions in the world, you are His unique masterpiece. You are His one and only. He broke the mold on you and everyone else. No one is quite like you. No one! Yes, He is still smoothing rough edges and spinning out impediments to His will. Your life stays moldable through humility and teachability. Whatever God is using to mold your character, do not resist. Let Him process your life through His caressing and caring Hands. It is better to be in the Hands of God, spinning in uncertainty, than to be on our own, riskless and restless. You are a beautiful masterpiece in process that one day will be completed by your Creator.

“But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? ‘Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘Why did you make me like this?’” Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?” (Romans 9:20–21)

Application: Do you willingly submit to the Master’s molding of you into the character of Christ?

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Dear God, I give You my full attention in this moment, and I see the result of Your love and compassion towards me. I give You my undivided attention as I come to You this day, seeking to abide in You and consciously let You perform Your work. Live in me and through me and all around me oh God, freeing me to live a fuller, happier, more useful and more satisfying life through You. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!”

“And then God answered: “Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on its way. It will come right on time.” Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)

Yours in Christ, Pastor King