

## E-DEVOTION FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 2

I've been going through some old photos and I found one from a Bible Camp in North Dakota taken around 60+ years ago. It brought back memories of sitting around the campfire at night and singing one song in particular...*"Have Thine Own Way, Lord...Have Thine Own Way. You are the Potter, I am the clay."*

We had an art activity at that camp and I remember struggling to make a pot. I'm no artist...and certainly, no potter! I remember throwing it down and then picking up the lump of clay and starting all over again. I don't remember the finished product very well, but I do recall it sitting upon my mother's windowsill for years.

That memory took me to Jeremiah 18:3...*"So I went there and saw the potter working at the wheel. Whenever a piece of pottery turned out imperfect, he would take the clay and make it into something else."*

I wonder if that is something God is doing with us these days. Maybe as we are compelled to 'stay at home', God is making us into something new. Maybe something a little bit stronger...or more loving...more caring...even more generous.

I also wonder if when we emerge from our homes and these troubling times, we may see our own selves a little differently. The Potter is hard at work within us. He is forming us, always creating something new in us. Let us find ourselves a bit more pliable as He forms and fills and creates a new spirit within us.

Remember...Wash your hands! Fold them, bow your head and let the Potter do His creative work!

Pray with me: "Dear Lord...You are, indeed, the Potter. We are but a lump of clay. Mold us and make us into a new creation, ready to do Your work in the world...to make a Difference. And as you are at work forming and making us, we ask for your strength and courage for all those who care for the sick and dying. Give them power to carry on." Amen. In Jesus' Name...Amen

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