

Willingness to Become Again Another

1 The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, 2 Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. 3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. 4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. Jer 18:1-4 (KJV)

Most of us are acutely aware of our shortcomings. In many respects, we have become so accustomed to them that we accept them as our respective norms and do not pursue change, even when God presents the opportunity for transformation. I once had a wonderful person share about certain things he wanted to do at the church. The person seemed excited about the vision to accomplish some things that needed to be done. Sadly, the vision was put on hold because he determined that he could not fulfill the dream because he is habitually late. He recognized the problem, but the vision was thwarted, not so much because he is late all the time, but because of his unwillingness to be challenged to change something he hated about himself.

There are three basic points in the above text indicates a willingness for transformation and the effectual change that Jesus has purchased for us on Calvary.

- **(v.2) Arise**- The instruction to the prophet was to get up from the place he was at that moment. Arising is ascent related; a movement upward. One cannot necessarily have effectual change with simple lateral movement. I must ARISE. There can be no affirmative continual change without the desire to “get up” from where one is with a full determination to ascend to positivity, even though we don’t know exactly what is going to happen next.
- **(v.2) And GO**- The directional precept related to this term now gives indication that God has a place where He can effect systemic change in our lives. Proverbs 3:4,5 simply declares if we acknowledge Him in all our ways and choose not to allow our thinking to get in the way of His calling, He will direct our path. The GO is relative in respect of following the voice of the One who knows what’s best for us. Are we willing to Go, or are we still over thinking things? I must follow the direction of my Creator with a determination, drive and energy for change.
- **(v.4) Get on the wheel**- Jeremiah was called to see in full view this process of cultural movement. But, by implication the “cracked pot” found itself on the Potter’s wheel succumbing to the pressures of having the oil and the hands of the Potter upon it, fixing the marred places in and on the pot incurred by misuse, mishandling, and the abuse of everyday interactions of life.

We have all experienced brokenness in one facet or another (we are all marred, cracked pots). Many of us have habits and difficulties that we have determined will never go away. But, Jesus is calling us to higher heights and greater abilities. But, for those things to take place, we must be willing to, as the King James version pronounces to be “Made Again Another.” The again another can and should be a continuum of change for each of us---as the Potter seems fit. But, the Holy Spirit will never make us get on the wheel. He offers the opportunity and resources for our lives to be more than it is are right now. But, are we willing to submit ourselves and be placed of the wheel of the Potter once again? The answer is yours.