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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

On the Potter's Wheel



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WEEK 2: *Shaped by the Potter* Session Guide

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Yatsar (Hebrew): Form, shape, potter.

Genesis 1:27, NIV – “So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”

“Marred” in Hebrew is “*Shachath*”: _____

Eve – Genesis 3, The Fall: A vessel that was distracted, deceived, and doubted the Potter

Moses – Exodus 3 & 4: A fearful vessel that desired a different assignment from the Potter

Woman at the Well – John 4: A marred vessel, yielded, reshaped, and filled by the Potter

Two realities: 1) We are all marred by sin. 2) We live out of what we believe.

Takeaways to treasure and meditate upon:

2 Corinthians 10:5 _____

Romans 12:2 _____

Philippians 1:6 _____

“We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.” – Isaiah 64:8, NIV

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WEEK 2: *Shaped by the Potter* Growth Opportunity

At the Potter's House

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Day 1: In our session together, we glanced at three portions of Scripture. Let’s begin this week by revisiting Exodus 3 and 4. Read Exodus 3:1-22 and Exodus 4:1-17. Take note of the declarations God made:

“I will... _____

_____.”

In addition to His “I will's,” what other acts of God are noteworthy in these passages?

How did Moses respond to God’s divine declarations and mighty acts (see especially Exodus 4:10-13)?

In what ways do verses 14-17 embody God’s grace? _____

Now read Exodus 4:27-31. What transpired after Moses and Aaron obeyed God and stepped out in faith?

Moses was initially gripped by “what ifs” that threatened to paralyze his faith. As Exodus 4 ends, we see a bigger picture. “What if” he/they had not stepped out in faith? _____

Conclude your time in prayer, pausing with God as you invite Him to reveal to you any hindrances in your relationship with Him. Are there “what ifs” that have stopped your steps or paralyzed your faith? If so, confront them with the truth of God’s promises; stand in faith and obedience on His Word! Write out:

Philippians 4:13 _____

Isaiah 43:19 _____

Matthew 28:20 _____

Hebrews 10:23 _____

Hebrews 13:5 _____

Hebrews 11:6 _____

1 Thessalonians 5:24 _____

“Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!” – Luke 1:45, NIV

Day 2: God desires to shape us as His vessels. It is **essential** that we know Truth (God’s Word) and recognize deception that seeks to subtly slither into our lives and make itself at home in these earthly vessels of ours. According to Genesis 3, what is a significant factor that contributed to Eve embracing deception? (Look at Genesis 2:15-17 for a comparison with Genesis 3:1-3) _____

Satan is an opportunist. When we are isolated, weary, and vulnerable, Satan presents enticements designed to be desirable, reasonable, justifiable, and satisfying. Read Luke 4:1-13. Who did Satan pursue in this passage? _____

What did he seek to entice Him with? _____

What girded Jesus for victory? _____

What does verse 13 state about the Adversary? _____

Can you recognize ways this opportunist is having inroads into your life?

We must gird ourselves spiritually in order to be victorious, able to stand firm in battle. According to Ephesians 6:10-17, we must “dress for success,” girding ourselves with the godly garments of:

In Genesis 3:9, God asked Adam and Eve, “Where are you?” As you consider this question in regard to your relationship with God and His Word, have you left off spiritual attire that has left you vulnerable to Satan’s slithery suggestions and encumbering enticements? _____

James 4:7 _____

James 4:8 _____

John 8:32 declares _____

God desires to shape you for His use. **Truth** is His tool, refining us as His Word is etched on our hearts.

“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.” – Romans 10:17, NIV

“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.” – 1 Corinthians 16:13, NIV

Day 3: Today we will look at the third portion of Scripture introduced in our second session together: John 4:1-42. There are several noteworthy truths contained in this portion of Scripture. What stands out to you?

In John 4:10-14, Jesus states to the woman something that is *essential* if her vessel is to be filled by Him:

As we saw in Genesis 3, we are inclined to take matters into our own hands. Since the fall, we are marred, and vulnerable to self-reliance rather than God-reliance. We seek to fashion ourselves as we see best in order to satisfy our longings; characteristically with lesser, temporal things.

“My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.” – Jeremiah 2:13, NIV

Lovingly, Jesus sees us as we are: vessels that are marred by sin and in turn, broken. Thankfully, He does not leave us there. He invites us to be mended, shaped, and filled as we drink in Truth. Write out:

Psalm 34:18 _____

Psalm 147:3 _____

God has a testimony He desires to speak through your life; one of redemption, healing, and purpose. Satan whispers to us that we are too marred to be forgiven, loved by God, or used for Kingdom purposes. Sister, these are lies! God declares His love for us *throughout* His Word. **It is our choice to take Him at His Word, or to believe lies.** Romans 12:2 states: _____

Truth transforms; He is Truth! “Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life.’” – John 14:6, NIV

We must embrace Truth in faith. As we do, He works in our lives. Hebrews 4:12 states that God’s Word is “active.” He uses each vessel that is availed to Him; He pours Truth into our lives and shapes us, and then pours forth His truth from our lives into the lives of others. It isn’t about whether we *feel* worthy or useful; He is the Potter, and He appoints us for His purposes. Revisit Ephesians 2:10. _____

Sister, you are God’s vessel—redeemed by grace, washed clean, and made fit for service through the forgiveness of your sins. Will you believe Him, and let Him fill you with living water, taking Him at His Word? Much is at stake in how you handle Truth and respond to Him.

“Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in *him because of the woman’s testimony*, ‘He told me everything I ever did.’ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, ‘We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.’” – John 4:39-42, NIV (emphasis added)

Day 4: Today we will focus on passages that declare God’s perspective regarding us as His vessels.

Write out:

Psalm 139:14 _____

Romans 5:1 _____

Ephesians 1:5 _____

Colossians 1:14 _____

Ephesians 2:10 _____

Romans 8:1 _____

Romans 8:35-39 _____

Philippians 1:6 _____

What are God's declarations of Truth regarding you as His vessel? _____

Philippians 2:16 (NIV) states: "**Hold firmly to the word of life.**" May His Truth shape you in ways that fit and fill you for the kingdom purposes He ordained for you *before time began!*

*"Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are **the clay**, you are **the potter**;
we are all **the work** of your hand." – Isaiah 64:8, NIV*

Day 5: Today is a praise day. Reflect upon those things God has brought to your attention this week. Take time to note what the Holy Spirit is impressing upon your heart, as well as any adjustments you need to make in responding to Truth and resisting lies. May you be fully and unreservedly yielded to the Master Potter.

"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life." – Titus 3:5-7, NIV