

GRACEPOINT CHURCH

Weekly Devotional

Unshakeable: The Prophet of Justice
Justice Month: June-July 2026

Lessons from the Potter's House – Ian France –12.7.2026

Scripture

Jeremiah 18:1-12

Open your mind and heart as you read the passage of Scripture aloud and then again quietly to yourself. Listen for God's word to you.

Spend some time in worship.

Observation

Once again, God called Jeremiah to deliver a message to His people, this time by acting it out in a lesson from everyday life. As Jeremiah watched the potter at work, he saw that one lump of clay was not forming in the way the potter wanted. But the potter did not throw it away but decided to try again. God spoke to the people through Jeremiah. He reminded them of His sovereign right to do as He pleased with an imperfect container. Whilst the clay had no say in its refusal to be formed as the potter wanted, the people of Israel made their own choice to resist their God, both morally and spiritually. Once again, God addressed the people as those of Israel, for whilst Jeremiah ministered to the kingdom of Judah, many from the northern kingdom had fled to Judah when Israel had fallen to the Assyrians 100 years before. These people comprised Israel.

If the people turned from their evil ways, God would repent. The illustration at the potter's house showed God's right to bring about His judgment, but also His right to show mercy to His people. He was free to respond to them according to His own character. He would always be merciful if people returned to Him.

God's people believed no harm would come to them, for they belonged to God. But He told Jeremiah to show His people that, even though they were His people, He rebuked their false confidence. He wanted to alert them to the risk they were taking of God's righteous judgment. God said He was planning a disaster to come upon them. But He

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encouraged them to repent now and surrender once again to God. He would change His plans, but the people felt it was hopeless to repent. They did not think it was worth the trouble to change just because one prophet told them to do so. They would continue to do what they wanted.

Icebreaker:

What have you made that you are proud of?

When did you make it?

What is special about it for you?

Have you ever had to destroy anything you put a great effort into making?

How did that make you feel?

Application

- Two of our temptations regarding injustice are avoidance and focusing on the injustice, rather than on the solution. How have you found yourself succumbing to these temptations? Does the realisation that you may be doing this encourage you to consider the injustices surrounding you and seek a solution – however small that may be?
- *God has a vision for the Kingdom impact that your life and our life can make:* What do you think God's vision is for Gracepoint? How can you, as individuals and as a group, walk in accordance with God's vision by being witnesses to God's love and compassion so others may discover God for themselves? What can you do this week to begin to put this witness into practice? Are you prepared to try to make a difference? Why/why not?
- *God is a God of second chances and miraculous transformation:* Do you believe God can transform a nation? Is there hope? What transformation would you like to see in SA today? What would it take for this to come about? What role can you play in such a transformation? How would your life change if you saw yourself as an active part of the solution? Are you prepared to make such a change? Why/why not?
- *God invites us to be clay in His hands, responding with repentance to God's gentle prompting:* What is your immediate response to this invitation? How willing are you to change for God? How can you be a light to your family, your community, your nation? How will you respond to this invitation?
- How can the group help you with the struggles you have mentioned during this session?

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Prayer

Pray for one another regarding the issues that have been raised during your discussion time, and in regard to other needs of the group.

Service

Look for opportunities to make a positive difference in people's lives this week. How can you be the light to those who surround you?

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