In The Potters Hand KZ Lesson Sun Am 11/26/23

# Memory Verse: Genesis 1:27 NKJV

# 27So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Target Thought: God created us.

We know that God loves us and that He created us. We know that before we were even born on the Earth that God had good, special and unique plans for us. Today we are going to learn about being in the potters hands. You see Father God is the potter and we are the clay. We know that because He loves us so much and has such good plans for us we want God to mold us and make into what He has planned for us just like you would mold clay or play dough into what you want it to be. Let’s read our scripture today that teaches us about this.

# Isaiah 64:8 NKJV

# 8But now, O Lord, You *are* our Father; We *are* the clay, and You our potter; And all we *are* the work of Your hand.

What happens to a piece of clay if you forget and leave it out for a long time? It dries up and gets hard. When it’s dried out, it’s not easy to mold it into what we want it to be.

That reminds me of what was happening to God's people during the day of the prophet Isaiah. In our Bible lesson today, Isaiah is very upset and is begging God to come down and change the hearts of his people, he said "We have sinned and turned away from You and You have become angry with us. How can we be saved? No one calls on Your name or pleads for Your mercy. You've turned away from us." Do we see people today turn away from God or ignore Him? What should we do about it? We pray for them just like Isaiah did.

Sounds pretty hopeless, but Isaiah didn't think so. He knew if the people would turn back to God, He could mold them and shape them into what He wanted them to be--like clay. Isaiah said to God, "Oh Lord, you’re our Father. We’re the clay, and You’re the potter. We’re formed by your hand. Please don't be so angry with us. Look at us and see that we’re Your people."

Isaiah knew even though the hearts of God's people had become hard, God could still mold them into what He wanted them to be. God wants us to keep our hearts right with Him and to help other people keep their heart right with God also.

Just like the people in Isaiah's day, we sometimes stray away from God and our hearts could become hard. All is not hopeless. If we will turn back to God and ask Him to forgive us, He will! Then He can mold us and shape us into what He wants us to be. God is still the potter and we’re still the clay! Let us ask God to mold our hearts.

Dear God, forgive us when we go astray. Take us in your hands and shape us into what You want us to be. In Jesus' name we ask amen.

1. Did God create us?
2. Does God love us and always have good plans for us?
3. What are we supposed to do for people who turn away from or ignore God?
4. Does God want us to keep our heart right with Him?
5. Will God forgive us if we ask Him?