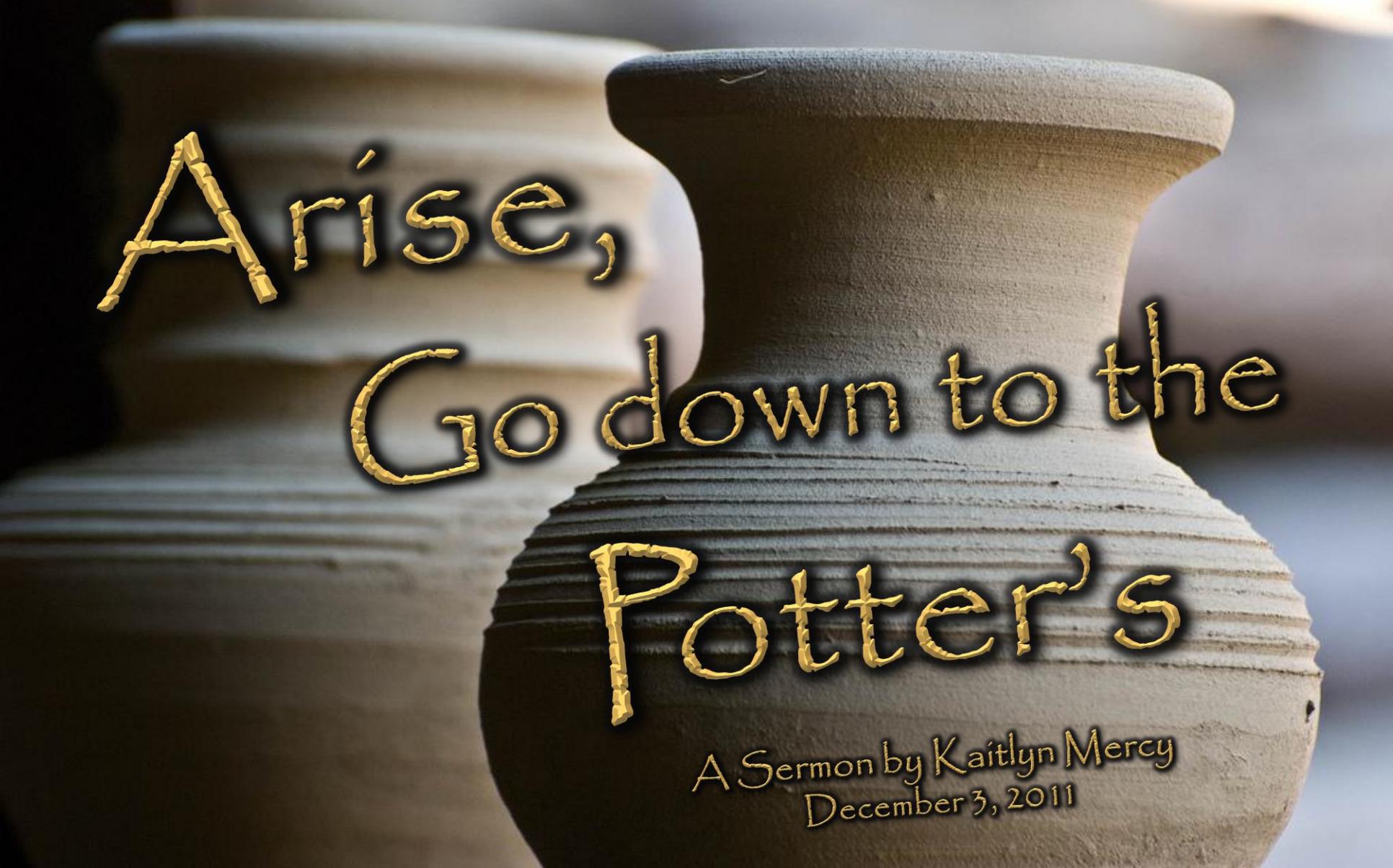


¹ *This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:* ² *“Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.”*

³ *So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel.* ⁴ *But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.*

⁵ *Then the word of the LORD came to me.* ⁶ *He said, “Can I not do with you, as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand.”*

Jeremiah 18:1-6 (NIV, adapted)



Arise,
Go down to the
Potter's

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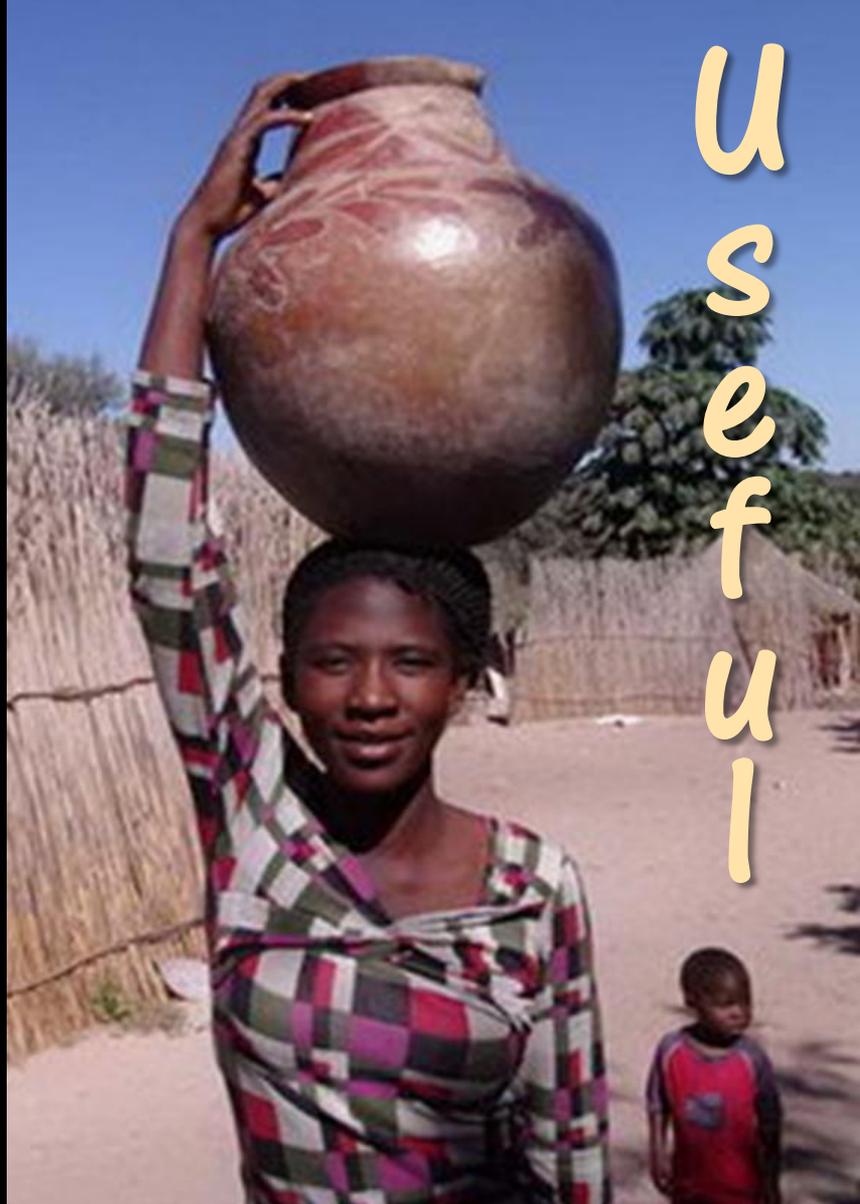
What can the
Potter Teach
Us?



Ubiquitous



Beautiful



Useful



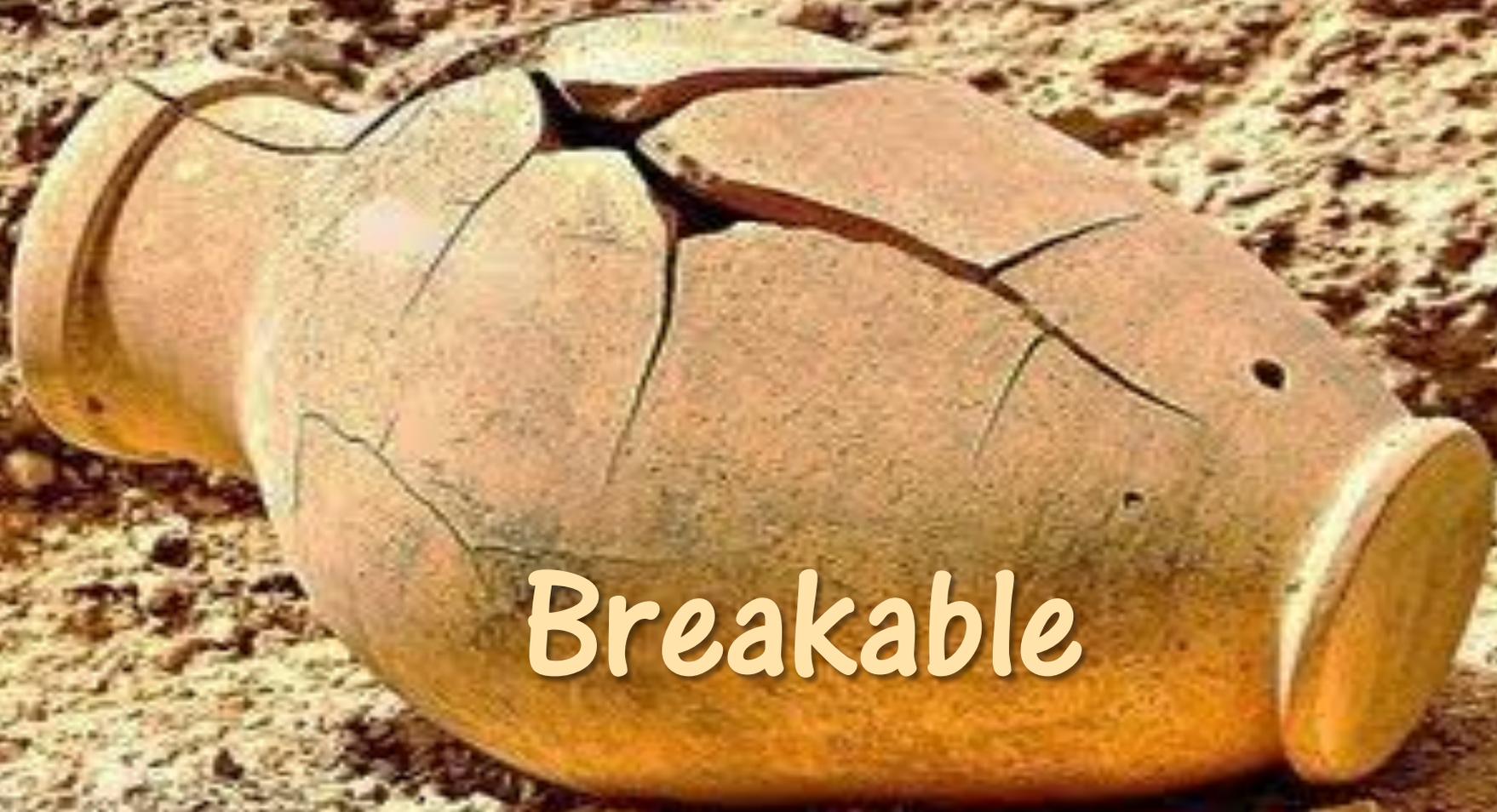
Have Character



Each Unique

Created





Breakable

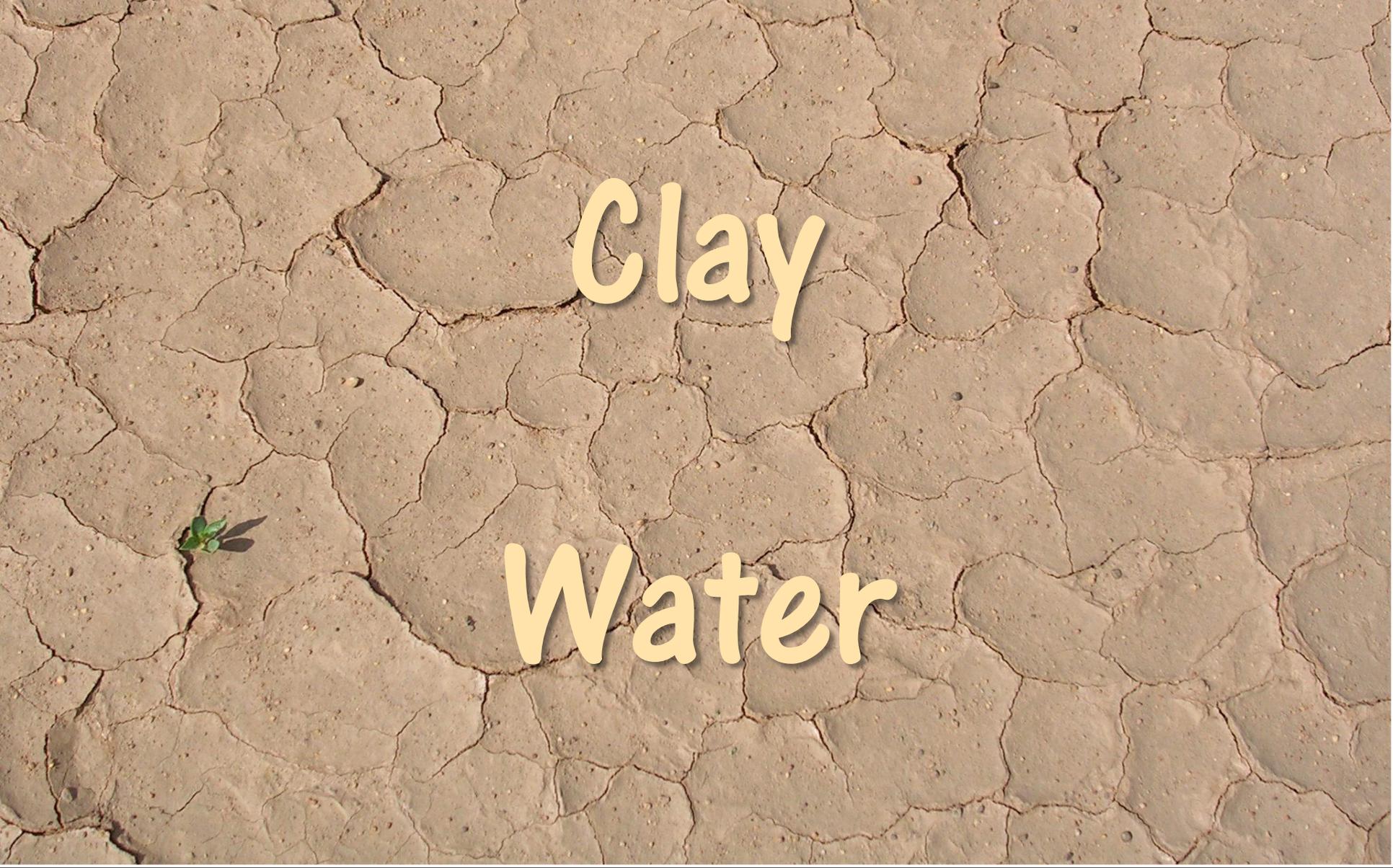
- Ubiquitous
- Beautiful
- Useful
- Character
- Unique
- Created
- Breakable (lifetime)
- Return to Dust

Like

US!

Let's find out how
pottery is made!

Then we'll look
for the lessons.

The image shows a close-up, top-down view of a dry, cracked clay surface. The cracks form a complex, irregular pattern of polygonal shapes across the entire frame. The clay is a light brown or tan color. In the lower-left quadrant, a small, vibrant green plant with several leaves is growing out of a crack. The text 'Clay' is centered in the upper half of the image, and 'Water' is centered in the lower half, both in a white, rounded, sans-serif font with a slight drop shadow.

Clay

Water

Preparation



Preparation





Forming

Initial Firing





Bisqueware

Glazing



Final



Firing









*Declares the
Lord,
“Like clay
in the hand
of the potter,
so are you
in my hand.”*

Jeremiah 18:6

*You did not
choose me, but
I chose you and
appointed you
to go and bear
fruit—fruit
that will last.*

John 16:15a



**But now you must rid
yourselves of all
such things as these:
anger, rage, malice,
slander, and filthy
language
from your lips.
Colossians 3:8**

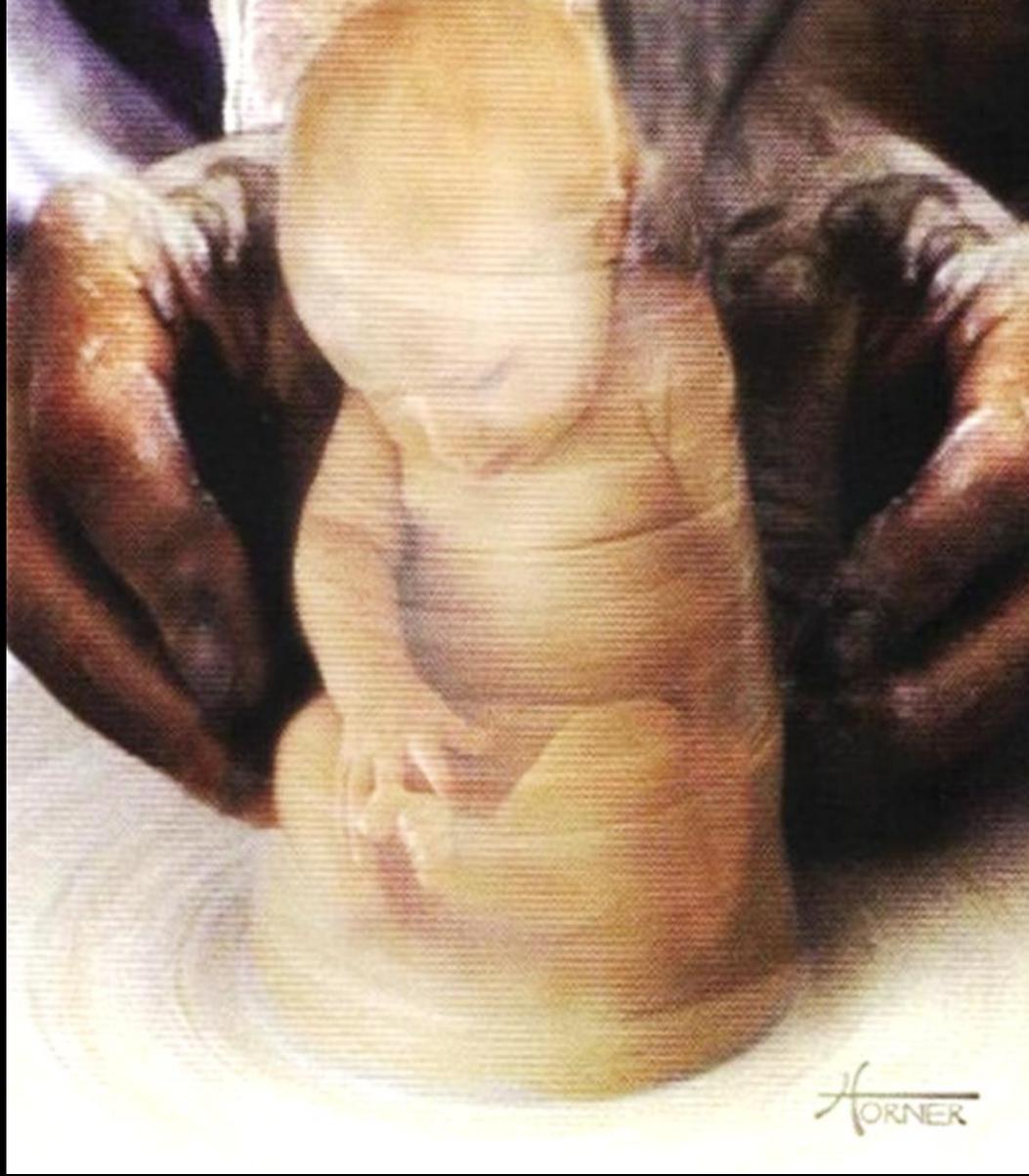


From the
beginning God
chose you to be
saved through
the sanctifying
work of the
Spirit and
through belief in
the truth.

2 Thessalonians 2:13



The Spirit
of God
has made me;
The breath
of the Almighty
gives me life.
I am just like you
before God;
I too have been
taken from clay.
Job 33:4,6



HORNER

"Before I
formed you
in the womb
I knew you,
and before
you were
born I
consecrated
you."

Jeremiah 1:5



HORNER

God,
your Redeemer, who
shaped your life in your
mother's womb, says:
"I am God.

I made all that is.
With no help from you
I spread out the skies
and laid out the earth."

Isaiah 44:24



HORNER

We are
hard
pressed on
every side,
but not
crushed.

2 Corinthians
4:8



Today,
if you hear
his voice,
do not
harden
your
hearts.
Hebrews
3:7-8



“Woe to those
who quarrel
with their
Maker,
those who are
nothing but
potsherds
among the
potsherds
on the ground.



Does the clay say to the potter, ‘What are you making?’
Does your work say, ‘The potter has no hands’?” *Isaiah 45:9, 10*

But who are you, O man,
to talk back to God?
Shall what is formed say
to him who formed it,
“Why did you make me like
this?” Does not the potter have
the right to make out of the
same lump of clay some pottery
for noble purposes and
some for common use?

Romans 9:19-21



Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you. . . . Pure gold put in the fire comes out of it proved pure; genuine faith put through this suffering comes out proved genuine. When Jesus wraps this all up, it's your faith, not your gold, that God will have on display as evidence of his victory.

1 Peter 4:12; 1:7 (The Message)



Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out;
you formed me in my mother's womb.

I thank you, High God—you're breathtaking!

Body and soul, I am marvelously made!

I worship in adoration—what a creation!

You know me inside and out,

you know every bone in my body;

You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit,

how I was sculpted from nothing into something.

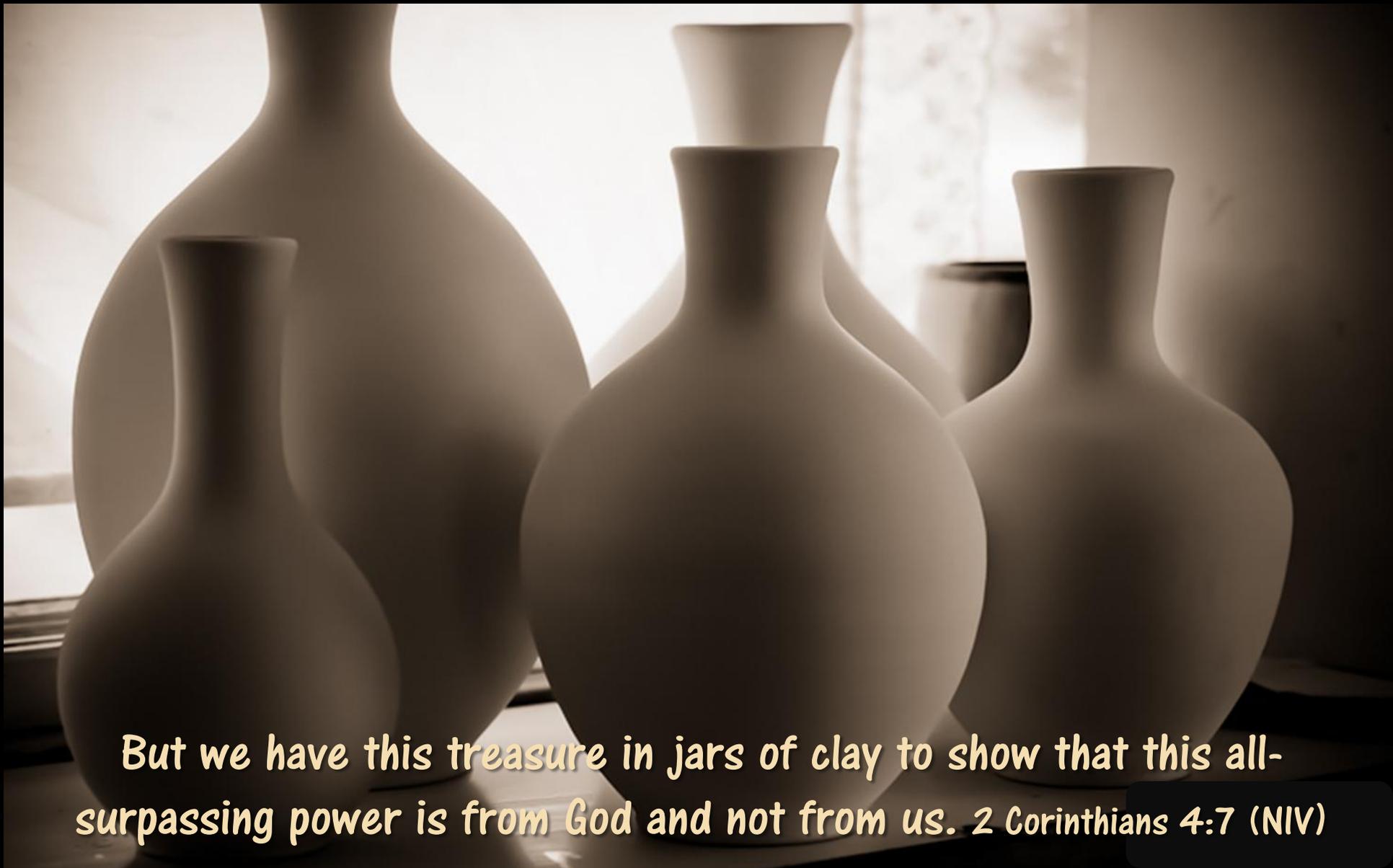
Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth;

all the stages of my life were spread out before you,

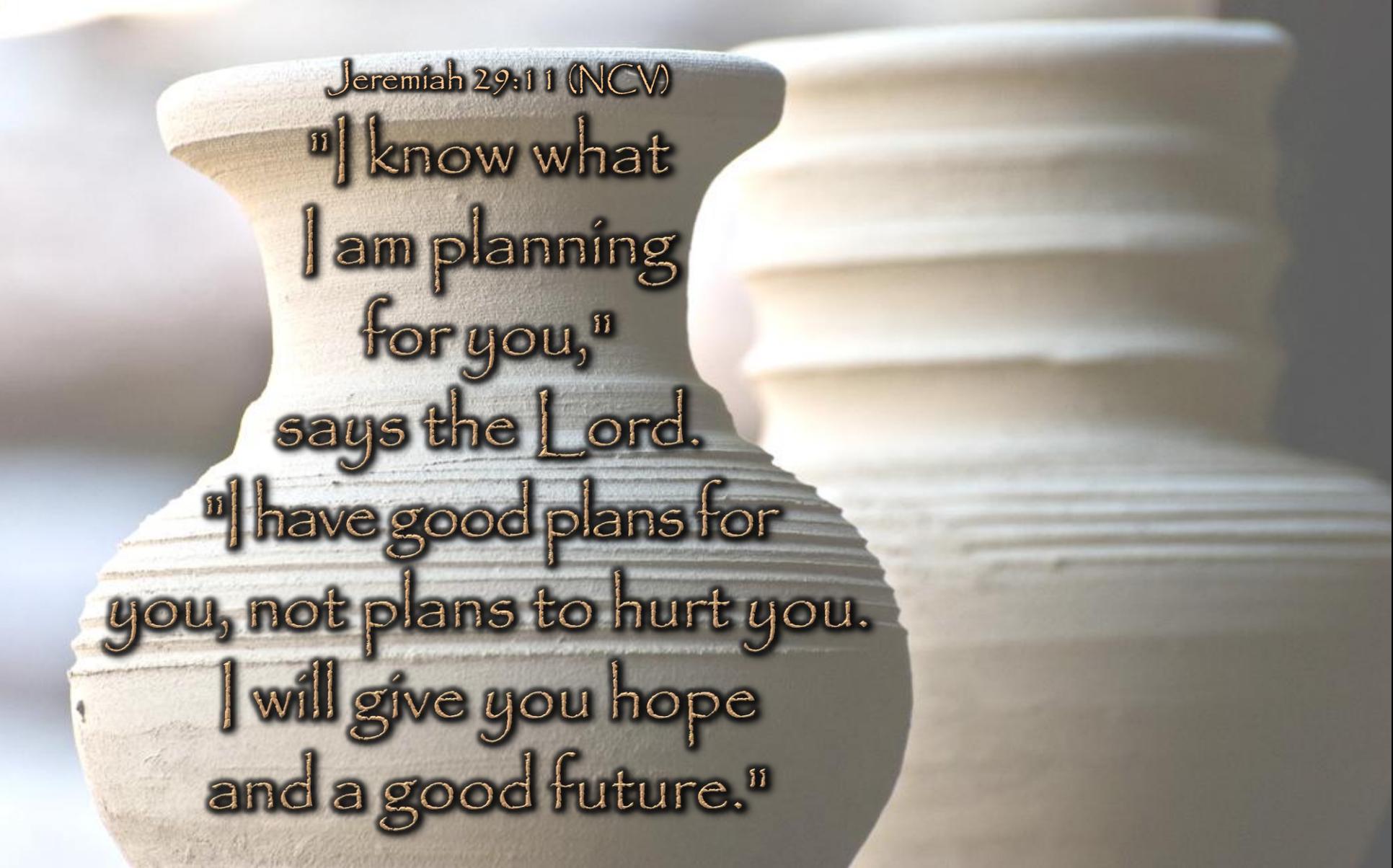
The days of my life all prepared

before I'd even lived one day.

Psalm 139:13-16 (The Message)



But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 2 Corinthians 4:7 (NIV)



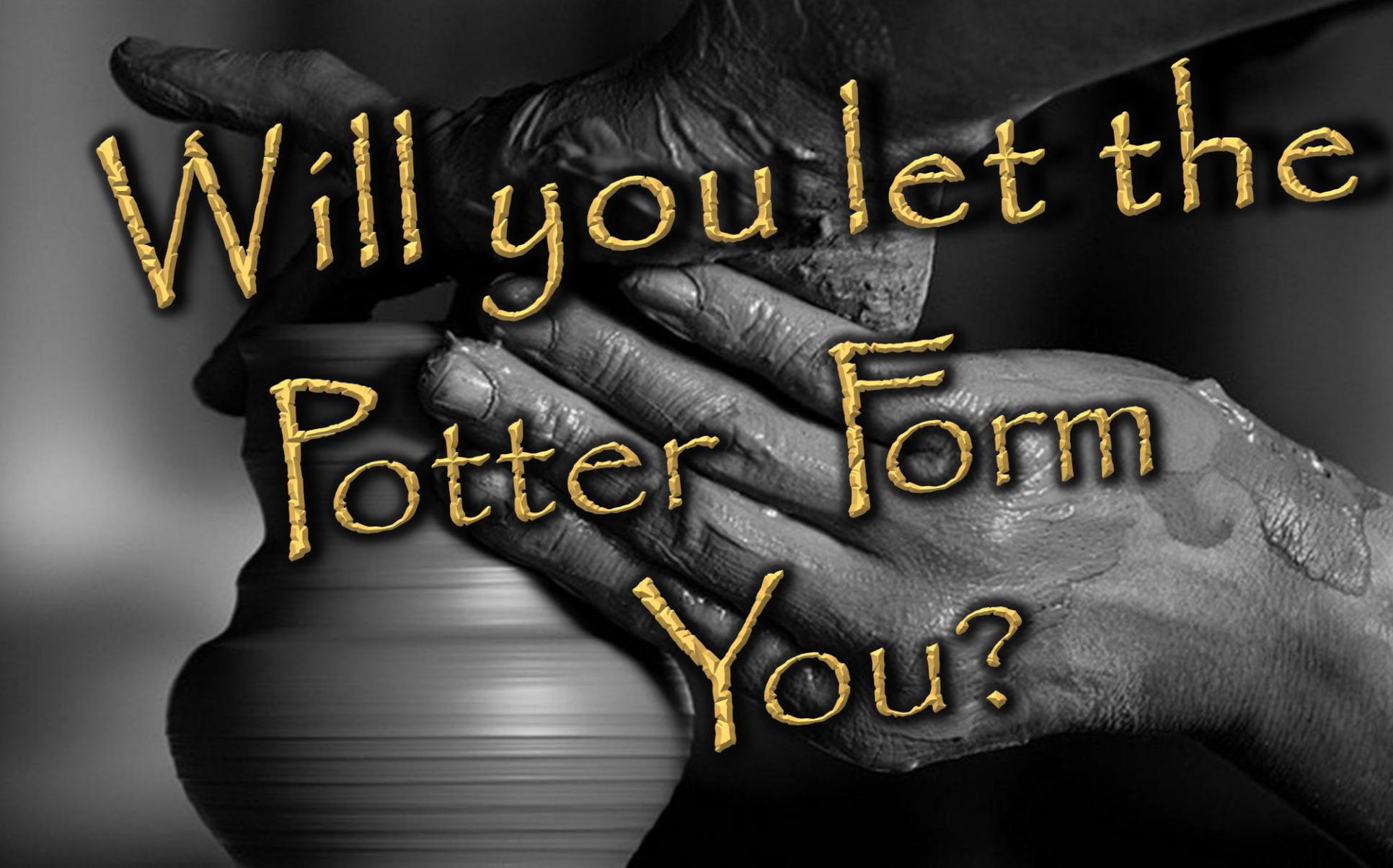
Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

"I know what
I am planning
for you,"

says the Lord.

"I have good plans for
you, not plans to hurt you.

I will give you hope
and a good future."

A hand wearing a black, textured glove holds a silver, reflective orb. The hand is positioned in the upper right, with fingers slightly curled around the orb. The background is dark and slightly blurred. Overlaid on the image is the text "Will you let the Potter Form You?" in a golden, 3D, blocky font. The text is arranged in three lines: "Will you let the" on the top line, "Potter Form" on the middle line, and "You?" on the bottom line. The lighting highlights the texture of the glove and the metallic sheen of the orb.

Will you let the
Potter Form
You?

Have thine own way Lord,
Have thine own way,
Thou art the potter
I am the clay,
Mold me and make me after thy will
While I am waiting,
Yielded and still.