The Potter And The Clay

Introduction: A common analogy of God's relationship with his people is the potter's relationship to the clay he is using to create pottery. As clay is molded into a beautiful shape, so God forms us into his special creation for a greater purpose.

I. The Potter, Isaiah 64:1-5

- A. God's Power Jeremiah 10:12, Job 26:14
- B. God's Sovereignty Jeremiah 18:2-6, Isaiah 55:8-9
- C. Our Need For God Jeremiah 10:23, Ephesians 2:1-4

II. The Clay, Isaiah 64:6-7

- A. We Are little more than dirt Genesis 2:7, Psalm 40:1-3
- B. Our lives apart from God are repulsive Isaiah 59:1-2, Ecclesiastes 1:12-18
- C. And yet the potter chose us Deuteronomy 7:7, Romans 5:8

III. The Making of The Vessel, Isaiah 64:8

- A. Let not the clay take credit for the result Isaiah 29:16, Galatians 2:20
- B. God sees the potential you don't see Ephesians 2:10, Judges 6:12, Acts 9:15
- C. We are created to hold the greatest treasure 2 Corinthians 4:7, 1 Timothy 1:15