



Week 1: Intro / Welcome

Day 1:

Scripture Passage: Romans 9:21-23 (NLT)

When a potter makes jars out of clay, doesn't he have a right to use the same lump of clay to make one jar for decoration and another to throw garbage into? In the same way, even though God has the right to show his anger and his power, he is very patient with those on whom his anger falls, who are destined for destruction. He does this to make the riches of his glory shine even brighter on those to whom he shows mercy, who were prepared in advance for glory.

In the process of being MADE -- Paul points out to us that God is very patient. How has this attribute of God brought comfort? How has it brought challenge?

How can you keep a bigger perspective daily to help you remember that God is working in your life?

Challenge:

- Take some time today for reflection on God's patience. When and if you find yourself struggling with patience, stop and thank God for His patience with you. Does that change the way you feel?

Day 2:

Scripture Passage: Jeremiah 18:5-6 (NLT)

Then the Lord gave me this message: "O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand.

Have you ever considered that your life in the hand of God is like the clay in the hand of a potter? What does that mean?

How are you being comforted today by this passage from the Bible? What speaks to your heart?

Challenge:

- Encourage a friend with what you learned today.

Day 3:

Scripture Passage: Luke 15:3-7 (NLT)

So Jesus told them this story: "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away.

How does viewing God as a shepherd shape your view of Him?

In what ways have you misunderstood God's character? Take some time to reflect.

Challenge:

- Pray for those who are yet to be in a relationship with Jesus -- those you know and love. Write their names in a journal so you can come back to it from time to time and lift them up. They, just like you, were made for relationship.

Day 4:

Scripture Passage: Psalm 139:14-16 (NLT)

Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

Do you ever wrestle in your head and in your heart with the truth in this passage? How do you resolve to believe it and receive it?

What would it mean to live out the truth of this passage today? How would it change your view of yourself and the way you treat others?

Challenge:

- Take some time today to reflect on the life you have been given to live, acknowledging the fact that you were made with beautiful precision.

Day 5:

Scripture Passage: Colossians 1:15-17 (NLT)

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. According to this passage, who should you go to for approval, affirmation, and acceptance? Explain.

What are the attributes of God, displayed through Jesus, that stand out to you? Why is that understanding vital to how you are made? And who you are made for?

Challenge:

- Reflect today on the truth that we were created through God and for God. How does that change how you carry out your day today?