

Argyle LifeGroup Discussion  
A Study in Jeremiah: Standing Tall, Part 3

Pray

Read Jeremiah 18:1-17

1. "God shows up in unexpected ways, in unexpected places."

What are some examples of this in scripture that Pastor Rick mentioned?

What are some examples that you have experienced?

2. We can embrace the sorrows of life because God most often uses them to change us.

There should never be a time that we think, "God is not at work."

He is always at work, always growing us, always doing more than we can ever imagine.

Can you remember some times when this has happened in your life?

3. Read Jeremiah 18:5-6

How is this an illustration of God's sovereignty?

4. Part of God's sovereignty is allowing us to make free choices,

and that is just as important as His ability to do His will

wherever and however He chooses. Discuss.

5. Read Jeremiah 18:7-10

While the potter was always in control, while the potter was always sovereign, sometimes there was something in the clay that caused the potter to adjust his original plan. There is a mystery in the relationship between the sovereignty of God and our responsibility to respond. Discuss.

6. Sometimes, in our pride, we think that we must be able to logically explain the things of God. Would you please get off of your theological high-horse and come to grips with the fact that God is way too big for you to understand!

Read Deuteronomy 29:29

7. God does not change.

But He will respond and adjust His plans when WE change.

Maybe "responsive sovereignty" describes it best. God has the sovereign freedom to adjust His actions depending on the response of his people. Discuss.

8. The Bottom Line: Just like a potter with a lot of patience, God is willing to mold us again when we make a mess of our life. A growing relationship with Jesus is actually a series of being remolded many times. We mess up, God picks us up and gives us another a new start. He did that for Abraham, Moses, David, Jonah, and Peter when they messed up, and He can do the same for you today.

Allow the Master Potter to mold you into the masterpiece He created you to be.

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