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BECOME
WEEK SEVEN

LIKE CLAY

Become

Become is a word full of potential! Think back to when you were young, what did you want to be when you grew up? We all had ideas about what we wanted to become. Yet we tend to stop dreaming about what we want to become as we get older and more established in ourselves. We might think this kind of question is only for young people but the truth is it will take us a lifetime to become all that God has created us to be. It's a life journey to grow in wisdom and confidence in who we are in Him. It takes time to bear the fruit of the spirit like peace, joy and patience. So let's park up and take a few weeks to explore the adventure of becoming together.

SET YOUR NAVIGATION

This journey of becoming is never ending and taking the first steps can seem daunting. As with any journey, we need to set the navigation so that we can start moving towards our destination. Let's start by thinking about where we are navigating to. Can you think of three areas where you would like to grow to become more like Jesus?

PLIABLE LIKE CLAY

In order to become more of something, we'll need to be willing to change some other things in ourselves. Becoming requires change and change requires that we stay pliable. However, don't forget that we are not alone, the Potter is with us. God wants to work with us as we change. We need to choose today to stay on the wheel to be moulded.

So I went down to the potter's house and saw him working with clay at the wheel. He was making a pot from clay. But there was something wrong with the pot. So the potter used that clay to make another pot. With his hands he shaped the pot the way he wanted it to be. Then this message from the Lord came to me: "Family of Israel, you know that I can do the same thing with you. You are like the clay in the potter's hands, and I am the Potter."

Jeremiah 18:3-6

SETTING YOUR KILN

A kiln is an oven that completes the process of hardening and drying a shaped object from clay into pottery. The Master Potter wants us to be pliable, allowing Him to mould us into our God given shape and then to be set in the kiln. Yet sometimes we allow ourselves to be put into the kiln too early. We can allow what people say over us to set in our souls, allowing criticism or negative words to prematurely move us to the kiln and set us into what God never intended. We can set limitations on ourselves and become set as vessels that are too small. Remember once you have entered the kiln, the clay stops being pliable. So don't allow what someone has spoken over you to set your kiln setting, believing you can never change or become more than their words.

Let's take a moment and identify any areas where we may have allowed someone other than the Potter to set us in the kiln. Let's repent and believe that the Potter can reshape us for His purpose.

THE VESSEL HE INTENDED

Over the next few weeks we're going to smash some vessels that were never meant to be created and instead we are going to become like clay again. We are going to become the vessel He has called us to be for His pleasure and His blessing; holy, useful, for good work and for a special purpose! Let's get back on the Potter's wheel and be clay in His hands, for it's the best possible place we can be.

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Timothy 2:20-21

FAN INTO FLAME

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So how do we become the kind of container God can use? Well we have to start by changing our confession. We have to focus on what we need to become and confess it over our life. We need to work to fan that gift that God has placed within us into flame. Believe that God will help you become what He has purposed for His glory - walk with Him to turn the spark into a fire. What truths about God's purpose for your life can you confess today?

Let's PARK together! Let's pray that our lives can become pliable again as we commit to the lifelong journey of becoming more like Jesus.

Park **P.A.R.K**

PRAY

Make prayer a central part of your gathering

AFFIRM

Emphasise what God's word says and how we can build our lives on it

REMEMBER

Take a moment to remind ourselves of God's goodness and faithfulness

KNOW

Commit to what we have learned and how we can take these truths into our week
