

The Benefits of a



FAITH

Sermon by Ray Reynolds on Sunday, March 18, 2012

Text: Jeremiah 18:1-6

Introduction: Performing heart surgery is difficult. Jeremiah realized that Israel had a serious heart problem. God gives him a way to fix it. The Lord asks the people to be clay in His hands (**Jeremiah 18:1-6**). If they would have a sincere faith, and let God work with them, and not harden their hearts to Him, He would guide them back into the way of righteousness. What can we learn from this illustration? Let's study

Discussion:

I. CREATION = The Lord Created Us

- A. God shares a specific illustration.
- B. God reveals a specific procedure.
- C. God describes a specific relationship.

II. RESTORATION = The Lord Re-Creates Us

- A. God discloses a flaw with His creation.
- B. God expresses a desire to renew His creation.
- C. God presents a perspective to give hope to His creation.

III. PRESENTATION = The Lord Uses Us

- A. God will separate us for His use.
- B. God will utilize us for His use.
- C. God will display us for His use.

Conclusion: You have to make a difficult choice. Will you fix your heart problem? Will you seek a play-doh faith? God has great plans for you, no matter where you are in life! Will you come to the Potter? Will you let him soften your heart? Will you allow God to shape you into something beautiful? God has great plans for you!!!

WORD OF THE DAY = "FAITH"