

2017 Lenten Daily Devotional



*Broken Pieces
Shattered Clay*

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Broken pieces.
Shattered Clay.

Made for a purpose.
Shaped for God's will.

Damaged by life.
By circumstance.
By struggle.
By self.

The pressure doesn't stop.
Didn't stop.
Won't stop.

Can it be stopped?
Can clay be made stronger?
Shatterproof?
Expandable?
Malleable?
Pliable?

Are broken pots put back together...
Or scrapped for fresh material?

Are broken pots beyond repair

Or can they be re-salvaged?

Should the broken pieces
Be shattered back
Into clay...into dust
That can be made
Back into clay...

With just a little water?
And placed back on the Potter's
wheel?

Take my broken pieces
And add Living Water
Place me back in the Potter's Hands
And make me brand new

A vessel to be used
For Your purpose
For Your will
For Your glory

In Your image
And
In Your hands

Whole. Shaped. Molded.

Clay – broken no longer.

Peace and grace to you!

Lent is a season in the Christian calendar with special emphasis on the sacrifice our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, made for us. Many of us observe this time with fasting and other spiritual disciplines to foster greater reflection on the life, ministry, suffering, death and resurrection of our Messiah. As a result, we often become more aware of our sins and shortcomings and experience a greater depth of repentance in our lives. On Ash Wednesday, we are reminded that “we are dust...and to dust we shall return” as we receive ashes upon our foreheads as a mark of who we are...but also a visible declaration of Whose we are!

In addition, Lent reminds us that Jesus came to bring victory to us. He was already sovereign...Lord of lords and King of kings. We stood on the outside in bondage to sin and death. But through our belief and confession in Him, we find ourselves on the winning side...ready to receive our crown as inheritors of the Kingdom.

This devotional is centered around the image of the Potter found in Jeremiah 18. Jeremiah ministered during a period of deep turmoil in his nation...a time when God called for repentance and reminded the people of God’s sovereignty. Each Sunday, you will read through this entire passage. While this may seem repetitive (and it is), my prayer is that you will find yourself immersed in what it means to be formed and shaped by and for God. Further, we may also reflect on how God’s purposes manifest in our world and our actions as followers of Christ. All the other days, you will read through passages from Jeremiah, the entire Gospel According to Mark, Paul’s Letter to the Galatians, and other selected texts that further increase our understanding and immerse ourselves in God’s will for the people of God who are clay in God’s hands....

I pray that you will use this devotional guide to help you reflect and to draw nearer to God during this season when so many distractions vie for our attention. Each day is divided into seven segments. You will be given a song, a Scripture passage, and a reflective thought within each devotion. The rest comes from your own prayerful reflection and the Holy Spirit.

You may complete this time in 10 minutes or an hour—it’s up to you! On the next page, you will find a summary of what each segment means and intends to accomplish. If you have further questions, feel free to contact me directly.

In Christ,

Rev. Cheryl

The Steps

REJOICE IN THE *Lord*:

Begin your devotional time in prayer and worship. Say a prayer to ask the Holy Spirit to enter your heart and mind with insight and revelation. Here you will be given a song (all accessible through [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)), but if God puts another song on your heart, feel free to move in the Spirit!

REACH FOR THE *goal* TO WIN THE *prize*:

Before moving on, note what you want or need God to do in your life. This might be to deepen your relationship with God, a new job, restored relationships or to develop more generosity or patience. Whatever you're seeking from God, record it here. We know, of course, that the Lord is the ultimate prize!

REMOVE THE *garbage*:

We can be so distracted in our busy lives that it's important to remember that God should be our priority every day. Setting aside time to do this devotional is a step in the right direction, but we also need to confess what keeps us from reaching that goal we just named above. List that here. It may be as short as one word or as long as a paragraph.

REFLECT:

Take a moment to note what God has already revealed to you through reflection.

RENEW YOUR *spirit*:

Here you will be given a Scripture passage to read and reflect upon.

RESPOND:

Take a moment to respond to what God has now revealed to you through Scripture.

REST IN *God's love*:

Here you will be given a reflective thought to end your devotional time.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Journal" (Casey J)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

PSALM 139

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord knows me.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Amazing" (Hezekiah Walker)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

MARK 1-2

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord equips me.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Joy" (VaShawn Mitchell)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

ISAIAH 29

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord gives fresh joy.

Saturday, March 4, 2017

Forgiven

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"I Won't Go Back" (William McDowell)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JEREMIAH 1-3

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord delivers me.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"I See The Lord" (Jason Nelson and Tasha Page-Lockhart)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JEREMIAH 18:1-23

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord speaks to me.

Monday, March 6, 2017

Purposed

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Your Will" (Darius Brooks)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

GALATIANS 1

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

I seek God's approval.

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Healed

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Fill My Cup" (CeCe Winans)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOHN 4:1-42

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord quenches my thirst.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"He Has His Hands On You" (Marvin Sapp)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

PSALM 139

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord's hand is upon me.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Peace Be Still" (Detroit Mass Choir & Vanessa Bell Armstrong)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

MARK 3-4

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord calms the seas.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"I Really Love The Lord" (Fellowship Chorale)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

ISAIAH 30

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord makes me glad.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Send Your Rain" (Clint Brown & Marvin Winans)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JEREMIAH 4-6

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord sends rain in due season.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"In The Midst Of It All" (Yolanda Adams)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JEREMIAH 18:1-23

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord holds me in His hand.

Monday, March 13, 2017

Purposed

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"The Anthem" (Full Gospel Baptist Church)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

GALATIANS 2

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Christ justifies me by faith.

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Healed

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"That's When You Bless Me" (L.A. Mass Choir)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOHN 4:46-5:18

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

God makes me well.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Wrap Me in Your Arms" (Eddie James)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

PSALM 139:7-10

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord holds me.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Healing" (Richard Smallwood)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

MARK 5-6

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord is a healer.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Even Me" (Howard Gospel Choir)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

ISAIAH 41

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord chose me.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"I Draw Near" (Jessica Love)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JEREMIAH 7-8

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord wants to dwell with me.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Great God" (Jennifer Mekel)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JEREMIAH 18:7-10

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord builds and plants.

Monday, March 20, 2017

Purposed

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"I Belong To You" (William McDowell)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

GALATIANS 3

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

I belong to Christ.

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Healed

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Worth Fighting For" (Brian Courtney Wilson)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOHN 8:1-22

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord does not condemn me.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Worth" (Anthony Brown & group therapy)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

PSALM 139:11-12

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord brightens my life.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"You Deserve My Praise" (Tamela Mann)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

MARK 7-8

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

God does everything well.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Draw me Close to You / Thy Will be Done" (Marvin Winans)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

ISAIAH 42

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord goes forth.

Saturday, March 25, 2017

Forgiven

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"No Greater Love" (Fred Hammond)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JEREMIAH 9-10

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord acts with love.

Sunday, March 26, 2017

Renewed

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"The Potter's House" (Tramaine Hawkins)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JEREMIAH 18:1-23

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord is the potter.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Jesus Saves" (Marvin Winans and Perfected Praise)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

GALATIANS 4

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Jesus came to redeem.

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Healed

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"The Light" (Ricky Dillard & New G)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOHN 9:1-34

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Jesus is the light of the world.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"God Made Me" (Mississippi Mass)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

PSALM 139:13-16

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord made me wonderfully.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Here As In Heaven" (Elevation Worship)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

MARK 9-10

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord provides the reward.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"I Almost Let Go" (Kurt Carr)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

ISAIAH 43

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord goes with me.

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Forgiven

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Holy Thou Art God" (Richard Smallwood)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JEREMIAH 11-13

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord deserves the glory.

Sunday, April 2, 2017

Renewed

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Place Of Worship" (William McDowell)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JEREMIAH 18:1-23

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord sends the flowing water.

Monday, April 3, 2017

Purposed

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Freedom" (Eddie James)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

GALATIANS 5

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Christ sets me free.

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Healed

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Immediately" (Tasha Cobbs)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOHN 11:1-44

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Jesus gives life.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Grace" (Tasha Cobbs)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

PSALM 139:17-18

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

God is with me.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"The Prayer" (Yolanda Adams and Donnie McClurkin)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

MARK 11-13

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord hears my prayer.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"The Battle is the Lord's" (Yolanda Adams)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

ISAIAH 45

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

In the Lord, I triumph.

Saturday, April 8, 2017

Forgiven

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Trust Me" (Richard Smallwood)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JEREMIAH 13-15

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

I set my hope on the Lord.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Another Place" (Micah Stampley)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JEREMIAH 18:1-23

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord deals with my adversary.

Monday, April 10, 2017

Purposed

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Here I Am" (Tamela Mann)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

GALATIANS 6

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

In Christ, my burden is shared.

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Healed

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"He's Preparing Me" (Daryl Coley)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOHN 12:20-26

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

God honors my service.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"A Closer Walk/Just To Be Close" (Fred Hammond)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

PSALM 139:19-24

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord leads me.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Jesus Saves" (Tasha Cobbs)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

MARK 14-15

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord carried my cross.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Bow Down" (Bishop Paul Morton and Full Gospel Fellowship MC)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

ISAIAH 64

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord is powerful.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Sovereign God" (Maurette Brown Clark)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JEREMIAH 16-17

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord shows power and might.

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Jesus" (Shekinah Glory Ministry)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JEREMIAH 18:1-23/ MARK 16

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The stone has been rolled away.

Now to Him

who is able to do
exceedingly, abundantly

above all we can ask or think,

according to the power
that works in us,

TO HIM BE THE GLORY

in the church

by Christ Jesus

to all generations,

forever and ever.

Amen.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21 NKJV