

# The Faithfulness of God

WEEK 4

## Why Does He Still Find Fault?

A 5-Day Devotional  
on Romans 9:19–29

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# Day 1 - The Potter Knows What He Is Making

**Scripture:** *Jeremiah 18:3-4 - "Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something on the wheel. But the vessel that he was making of clay was spoiled... so he remade it into another vessel, as it pleased the potter to make."*

## Reflection

The clay had no idea what the finished vessel would become. It simply remained in the potter's hands.

Our lives often feel much the same. We experience the pressure, the spinning, and the uncertainty, but we cannot yet see the finished masterpiece.

God can. He is never surprised by your circumstances. He has not forgotten His purpose for your life.

The same hands that formed the stars are still shaping you today. When you cannot understand God's plan, remember that the Potter always sees the finished work before the shaping ever begins.

## Questions for Reflection

- Where do I most struggle to trust God's plan?
- What "unfinished" area of my life am I tempted to judge too quickly?
- How does today's passage encourage me?

**Prayer:** Father, thank You for seeing what I cannot see. Help me trust Your hands even when I cannot yet see the finished work. Amen.

## Day 2 - God Doesn't Throw Away Broken Clay

**Scripture:** Psalm 103:13-14 - "As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him. For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust."

### Reflection

One of the most encouraging truths in Jeremiah's vision is that the potter didn't discard the marred clay. He reshaped it.

Sometimes we think our failures have permanently disqualified us from being useful to God.

Scripture says otherwise. Peter failed. David failed. Jonah failed. Yet God patiently continued His work in each of them.

Your mistakes do not surprise the Potter. His grace is greater than your failures. He is still able to shape your life into something beautiful for His glory.

### Questions for Reflection

- Am I allowing past failures to define me?
- Where have I already seen God redeem brokenness in my life?
- How does God's patience give me hope?

**Prayer:** Lord, thank You for never giving up on me. Continue shaping my life into what You desire me to become. Amen.

## Day 3 - Trust The Process

**Scripture:** Isaiah 64:8 - *"But now, O LORD, You are our Father, We are the clay, and You our potter; And all of us are the work of Your hand."*

### Reflection

No piece of pottery is completed in a single moment. Every turn of the wheel serves a purpose.

The same is true in our spiritual lives. Growth often happens slowly. Patience is formed through waiting. Faith is strengthened through trials. Character is shaped through obedience.

If we quit every time life becomes difficult, we may miss what God is doing through the process.

The Potter never wastes a turn of the wheel. Neither does He waste the seasons of your life.

### Questions for Reflection

- What lesson might God be teaching me during this season?
- Am I resisting God's work or cooperating with it?
- How can I better trust His process?

**Prayer:** Father, teach me to trust Your timing. Help me believe that every season has a purpose in Your hands. Amen.

## Day 4 - The Potter Is Patient

**Scripture:** Romans 9:22 - "God... endured with much patience..."

### Reflection

God's patience is one of His greatest gifts.

He is patient with unbelievers. He is patient with His children. He is patient with you.

Think about how often God has extended grace instead of immediate discipline. How many times has He gently corrected rather than condemned?

His patience is not weakness. It is love.

As we experience God's patience, we are called to extend that same patience to others. The more we appreciate His longsuffering toward us, the more patient we become with those around us.

### Questions for Reflection

- How has God been patient with me?
- Is there someone with whom I need to be more patient?
- How can I reflect God's patience today?

**Prayer:** Lord, thank You for Your incredible patience with me. Help me extend that same patience to others. Amen.

## Day 5 - Stay In The Potter's Hands

**Scripture:** *Philippians 1:6 - "For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."*

### Reflection

Perhaps the greatest temptation when life becomes difficult is to pull away from God.

Yet the safest place for imperfect clay is still in the Potter's hands.

The work isn't finished yet. God is still shaping your faith. Still growing your character. Still making you more like Jesus.

One day you will look back and see how faithfully He worked through every joy, every sorrow, every unanswered prayer, and every unexpected turn.

Until then, trust the Potter. He always finishes what He begins.

### Questions for Reflection

- Where am I tempted to pull away from God?
- How does Philippians 1:6 encourage me today?
- What step of trust is God asking me to take this week?

**Prayer:** Father, thank You that You never abandon the work of Your hands. Help me remain close to You and trust You until the work is complete. In Jesus' name, Amen.