DRY BONES COMING TO LIFE SERIES

A Commitment to God's **PATHWAY**

SERMON NOTES SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

"Committed to Surrender and Change" Jeremiah 18: 1-10 Ps. Paul Curtis

Unlike physical change, spiritual growth is a choice (v5-6)

It is only as we surrender to God that He can transform us (18:1-2, Ch 10:23)

Now, this transformation is a necessity in each of our lives (v3-4)

Because we cannot move on with God and stay where we are (v9-10)

For God's intentions are good – we'll never regret our visit to the potter's house (v7-8)

As we grow older, our bodies change. We have no control over that. However, spiritual change is dependent on our response. How would you describe your attitude to God bringing about change in your life? How do you respond when He says, "Go down to the potter's house"? Share what God is "working out" in you at the present time.

In Ch 10:23, Jeremiah talked about our life not being our own. What do you think he meant by that? Do you agree? Do you sometimes struggle with this need to surrender to God? Jeremiah talks about God shaping the pot as it seemed best to Him. Do you wrestle with what seems best to God – Is it sometimes opposite to what you want? How do you resolve that tension?

Jeremiah recognised that the pot was originally marred. It needed to be transformed into something worthwhile. Do you willingly accept the need for spiritual transformation, or can you easily choose denial? Why is it important for us to keep on visiting the potter's house?

What are the barriers for you when it comes to visiting the Potter's House? Is it too painful? Is it hard to see the need or find the time? What does God want to restore in you?

Long term, do you ever think you would regret a visit to the Potter's House? What will you do to make sure such a visit becomes a daily habit?



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