

# **Broken Dreams**

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## I. Introduction.

A. The world is filled with broken dreams.

## II. God is the potter. God is at work in the world whether we see it or not.

A. Constructively.

1. Through his goodness. (Romans 2:4)

2. Through his discipline. (Isaiah 38:16; Job 5:17)

B. Intelligently. (Ephesians 1:8; Colossians 3:23; Proverbs 16:23; John 7:38; Isaiah 32)

C. Sovereignly.

1. God is in control in history. (Acts 17:26; Job 12:23; Psalm 115:3; Daniel 4:25; Isaiah 14:24, 27; Ephesians 1:9-10)

2. God is in control in the lives of his children. (Philippians 1:6; Isaiah 31:21; Psalm 139:3; 119:19; 91:11; 34:7; Philippians 4:19)

3. God restores the years of broken dreams. (Job 2:25)

## III. The world is the wheel.

A. God started it. (Genesis 1:1)

B. God keeps it going. (Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3; 2 Peter 3)

## IV. We are the clay.

A. God never makes a mistake. (Jeremiah 18)

B. The clay does not have a choice but we have a choice under the hand of God to be molded into what God wants.

C. We get ourselves under the hand of God by...

1. Knowing the facts.

2. Establishing a relationship with God by receiving Jesus Christ.

3. Availability to the Word of God. (Hebrews 4:12; Ephesians 6:17)

4. Continuing in prayer. (Psalm 36:9)

5. Fellowship. (Proverbs 27:17)

D. How we start...

1. Receive Jesus.

a. Recognize your need.

b. Be willing to change.

c. Believe that Jesus died for you.

d. Invite Jesus to come into your life as an act of will.

**Application questions:**

1. How does God's sovereignty give us comfort in the midst of broken dreams?

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2. How can one become usable to God in his plan?

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3. How have you seen difficult times shape you? How do you think God was working in those times?

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