

You Are Not in Charge

Ready:

Whatever exists was given its name long ago, and who man is, is known. But he is not able to contend with the One stronger than he. *Ecclesiastes 6:10*

Set

God knows and directs all that happens in our lives. How foolish it is for us to contend with our Creator.

Jeremiah illustrates how God, at times, allows His children to experience brokenness in order to renew their original purpose. *Jeremiah 18:3-7* states, "I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, working away at the wheel. But the jar that he was making from the clay became flawed in the potter's hand, so he made it into another jar, as it seemed right for him to do. The word of the Lord came to me: "House of Israel, can I not treat you as this potter treats his clay?" This is the Lord's declaration. "Just like clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand."

Likewise, *Isaiah* describes how our Creator reacts when we live on our own terms: "How absurd is the one who says to his father: What are you fathering? or to his mother: What are you giving birth to?" This is what the Lord, the Holy One of Israel and its Maker, says: "Ask Me what is to happen to My sons, and instruct Me about the work of My hands. I made the earth, and created man on it." (*Isaiah 45:10-12a*).

God is the ultimate authority in our lives. "By Him everything was created, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him" (*Colossians 1:16*).

Go

1. Are you subject to God?
2. Would you allow God to put you back on the potter's wheel in order to fulfill His intended purpose for your life?

Workout

Psalms 8; 139:13-18

Overtime

Father, help me recognize that I am not in control, that You created all things and I exist for Your pleasure. Help me become subject to You in every area of my life. Amen.

Bible Reference:

Colossians 1



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