

## Backsliding

Dictionary: the action of relapsing into bad ways or error

The term got really popular in the 80s to describe people that were "in active Church members"

Usually we think of this term as a means to describe a person that is a "Christian" but is not living like one

The term in found in scripture 5 times





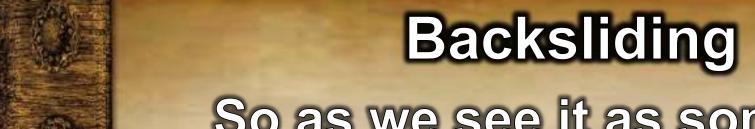
Each time it is used it is not in reference to somebody that has "inactive faith" but instead abandoned faith

How God deals with Backsliding Rebuke Cure Attack

Ravage Tear to pieces Destroy

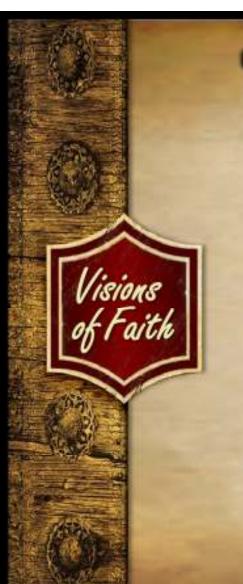
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So as we see it as somebody
that needs to be
reshaped (minor)
God sees them as people
that need to be remade (major)



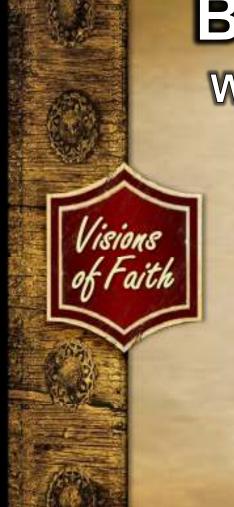


## The Object Lessons

- 1. The Buried Belt (ch. 13)
- 2. The Potter's House (ch. 18)
- 3. The Busted Flask (ch. 19)
- 4. The Baskets of Figs (ch. 24)
- 5. The Broken Yoke (ch. 27)







## **Breaking Down the Story**

What Item in the Story Represents Faith?

The Clay

What is happening to the clay? It is being formed into a shape

What is needed to form the clay?

The hands of a former

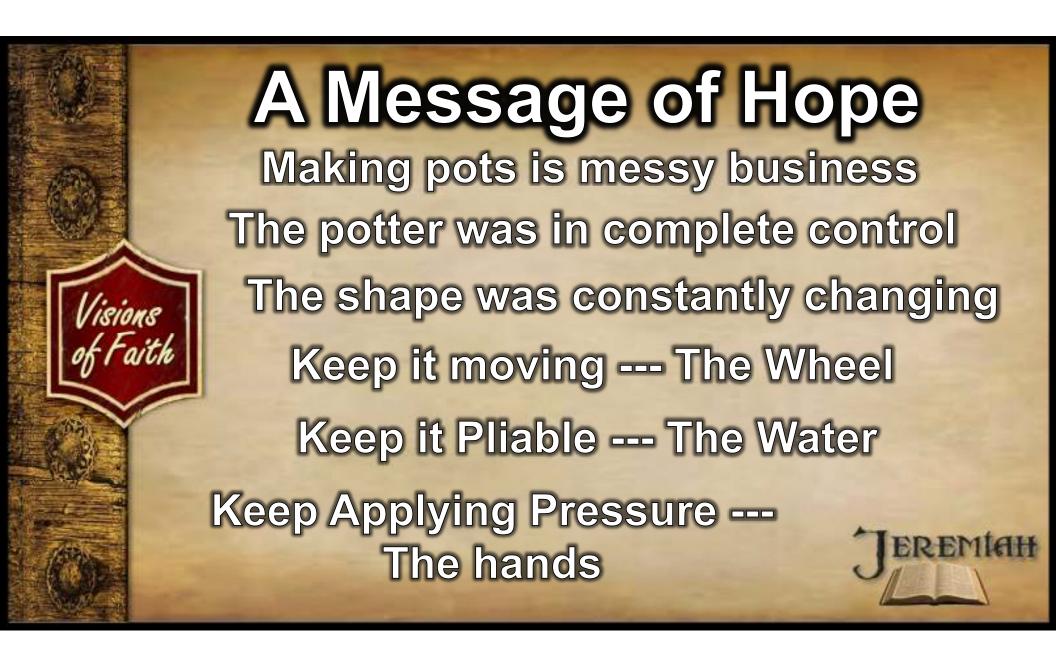
The Wheel Water

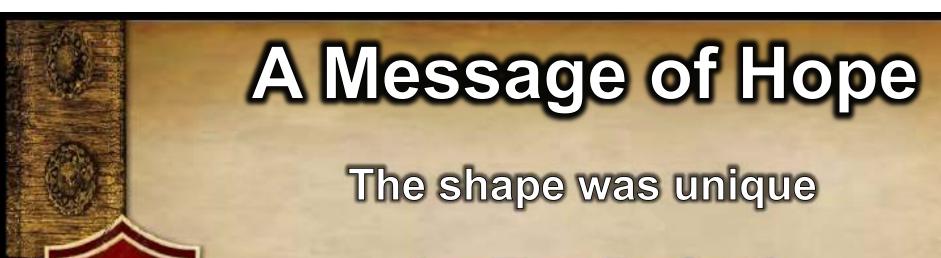




But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.



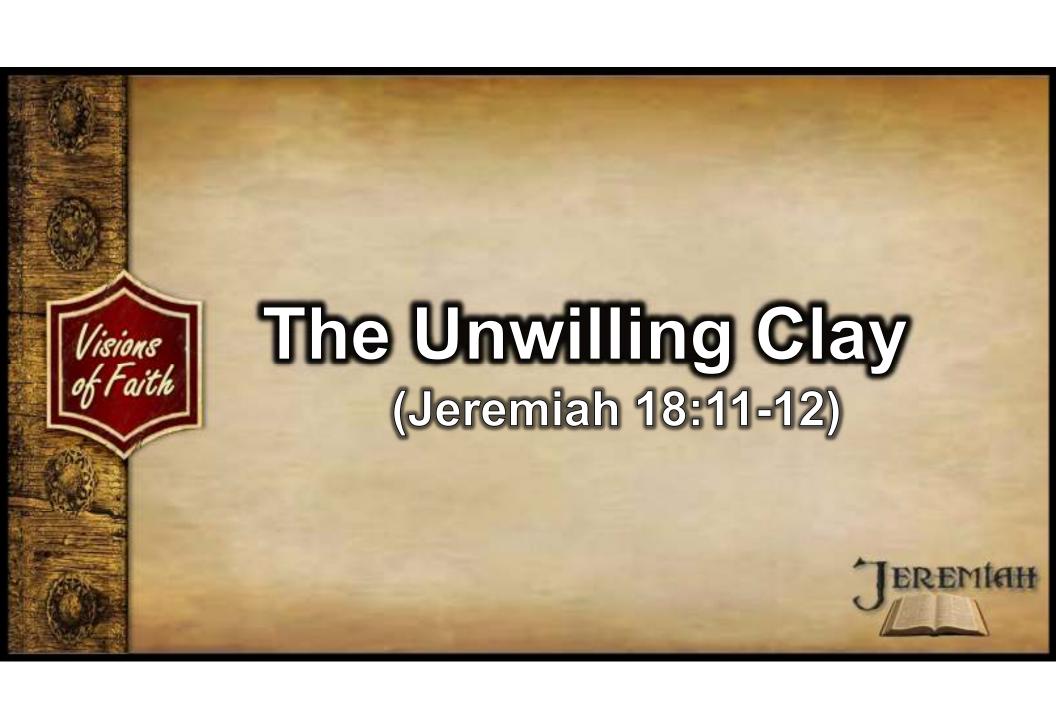




**Are They Perfect?** 

The most amazing thing... the potter never gave up on the clay







Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Revelation 3:19-20 TEREMIAN



## Applying to Us

I have to be willing to climb on the wheel
I have to be willing to get wet --- Repent

I have to be willing to accept the pressure of the potters hand

I have to be willing to hear his voice

I have to willing to accept he loves me and wants what is best for me



