



I. INTRO/OPEN

- A. We live in a somewhat selfie obsessed society
- B. New Series calling filter
 - There are a lot of different kinds of filters
 - § Air, coffee, oil
 - We're talking about filters that make us look better but ...

II. MOTHER'S DAY PRESSURE

- A. People in general, Mom's in particular feel a lot of pressure

"I look at the moms who celebrate summer. Who have all sorts of plans and activities. Who home school. Who do crafts. They're like mom rock stars. And I feel so ashamed and defective that I'm not them," - She said, "I'm sitting here thinking about what a bad mom I am when I should be playing with my kids and engaged with my kids,"

2 Corinthians 10:12 (NIV) We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.

- Comparing to others isn't wise – that's what this series is about

- C. It all starts with God

Genesis 1:1 (NKJV) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

- D. Without God nothing else matters, nothing has purpose or value
 - You take God out of the picture and you end up with an empty, meaningless universe

II. GOD GIVES LIFE VALUE

- A. God created the heavens and the earth

- B. God's crown jewel on day 6

Genesis 1:26 (NKJV) Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

- But instead as He's speaking God His hands dirty

Genesis 2:7 (NKJV) And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.



C. You are made in God's image and because of that you have great value

For the next couple of weeks we're going to talk about the need for approval, the feelings of inadequacy & some of the insecurities, that drive us and limit what God does

III. THE POTTER AND THE CLAY

A. God gives an object lesson to the prophet Jerimiah

Jeremiah 18:1-6 (TLB) Here is another message to Jeremiah from the Lord: ² Go down to the shop where clay pots and jars are made, and I will talk to you there. ³ I did as he told me and found the potter working at his wheel. ⁴ But the jar that he was forming didn't turn out as he wished, so he kneaded it into a lump and started again. ⁵ Then the Lord said: ⁶ O Israel, can't I do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand.

B. The potter's relationship with the clay

- There are two forces at work
 - The desire and intent of the potter
 - The readiness of the clay
- When the potter ever touches the clay he is creating on the outside what is already completed on the inside

Jeremiah 29:11 (TLB) For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

C. Then there's the wheel

- It has one job – it goes round and round – which is a lot like life
- Remember it's not about the potter's wheel, it's about what the potter is doing while the wheel turns

The question is – what are you becoming in the spinning of the potter's wheel

Jeremiah 18:4 (TLB) But the jar that he was forming didn't turn out as he wished, so he kneaded it into a lump and started again.

- In our world when something breaks or doesn't work we throw it away or it gets pushed aside, we don't really want to deal with broken we want to start new – But God isn't that way!

IV. CLOSE

A. In reality clay is worthless dust –

- The value comes when the master potter completes His work