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<sup>1</sup>THE WORD THAT CAME TO JEREMIAH FROM THE LORD:  
<sup>2</sup>"ARISE, AND GO DOWN TO THE POTTER'S HOUSE, AND THERE I WILL LET YOU HEAR MY WORDS." <sup>3</sup>SO I WENT DOWN TO THE POTTER'S HOUSE, AND THERE HE WAS WORKING AT HIS WHEEL.  
<sup>4</sup>AND THE VESSEL HE WAS MAKING OF CLAY WAS SPOILED IN THE POTTER'S HAND, AND HE REWORKED IT INTO ANOTHER VESSEL, AS IT SEEMED GOOD TO THE POTTER TO DO. <sup>5</sup>THEN THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO ME: "O HOUSE OF ISRAEL, CAN I NOT DO WITH YOU AS THIS POTTER HAS DONE? DECLARES THE LORD. BEHOLD, LIKE THE CLAY IN THE POTTER'S HAND, SO ARE YOU IN MY HAND, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL." —JER. 18:1-6

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I. GOD IS LIKE A POTTER

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BUT NOW, O LORD, YOU ARE OUR FATHER; WE ARE THE CLAY, AND YOU ARE OUR POTTER; WE ARE ALL THE WORK OF YOUR HAND. —ISAIAH 64:8

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FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND, THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM. —EPHESIANS 2:10

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AND I AM SURE OF THIS, THAT HE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL BRING IT TO COMPLETION AT THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST. —PHILIPPIANS 1:6

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2. WE ARE LIKE CLAY

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FOR WHATEVER WAS WRITTEN IN FORMER DAYS  
WAS WRITTEN FOR OUR INSTRUCTION,

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THAT THROUGH ENDURANCE AND  
THROUGH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE SCRIPTURES  
WE MIGHT HAVE HOPE. —ROMANS 15:4

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YOU TURN THINGS UPSIDE DOWN! SHALL THE POTTER  
BE REGARDED AS THE CLAY, THAT THE THING MADE  
SHOULD SAY OF ITS MAKER, "HE DID NOT MAKE ME";

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OR THE THING FORMED SAY OF HIM WHO FORMED IT,  
"HE HAS NO UNDERSTANDING"?  
—ISAIAH 29:16

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3. LIFE IS LIKE A WHEEL

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• PROVIDENCE IS A POWERFUL,  
LIFE-AFFIRMING TRUTH

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"PROVIDENCE IS THAT CONTINUOUS AGENCY OF GOD,  
BY WHICH HE MAKES ALL THE EVENTS  
OF THE PHYSICAL AND MORAL UNIVERSE FULFILL  
THE ORIGINAL DESIGN WITH WHICH HE CREATED IT."  
—HENRY THIESSEN

"PROVIDENCE INCLUDES GOD'S PRESENT ACTIVE WORK  
IN PREPARING AND PRESERVING HIS PEOPLE ACCORDING  
TO HIS COVENANT PROMISE FOUND IN ROMANS 8."

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AND WE KNOW THAT FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD ALL THINGS  
WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD, FOR THOSE WHO ARE CALLED  
ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE. —ROMANS 8:28

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<sup>21</sup>BUT THIS I CALL TO MIND, AND THEREFORE I HAVE HOPE:  
<sup>22</sup>THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD NEVER CEASES; HIS MERCIES  
NEVER COME TO AN END; <sup>23</sup>THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING;

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GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS. <sup>24</sup>"THE LORD IS MY PORTION,"  
SAYS MY SOUL, "THEREFORE I WILL HOPE IN HIM."  
—LAMENTATIONS 3:21-24

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<sup>22</sup>BUT, THOUGH HE CAUSE GRIEF, HE WILL HAVE COMPASSION ACCORDING  
TO THE ABUNDANCE OF HIS STEADFAST LOVE; <sup>23</sup>FOR HE DOES NOT  
AFFLICT FROM HIS HEART OR GRIEVE THE CHILDREN OF MEN. —LAM. 3:32-33

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• PROVIDENCE CAN BRING PAINFUL,  
LIFE-ALTERING SURRENDER

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"WOE TO HIM WHO STRIVES WITH HIM WHO FORMED HIM,  
A POT AMONG EARTHEN POTS!

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DOES THE CLAY SAY TO HIM WHO FORMS IT,  
"WHAT ARE YOU MAKING?" OR  
"YOUR WORK HAS NO HANDLES?" —ISAIAH 45:9

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<sup>55</sup>I CALLED ON YOUR NAME, O LORD, FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE  
PIT; <sup>56</sup>YOU HEARD MY PLEA, "DO NOT CLOSE YOUR EAR TO MY  
CRY FOR HELP!" <sup>57</sup>YOU CAME NEAR WHEN I CALLED ON YOU;

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YOU SAID, "DO NOT FEAR!" <sup>58</sup>YOU HAVE TAKEN UP MY CAUSE,  
O LORD; YOU HAVE REDEEMED MY LIFE.  
—LAMENTATIONS 3:55-58

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• PROVIDENCE IS A POSITIVE,  
LIFE-GIVING HOPE

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"I HAVE STIRRED HIM UP IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND I WILL MAKE ALL HIS WAYS LEVEL; HE SHALL BUILD MY CITY AND SET MY EXILES FREE, NOT FOR PRICE OR REWARD," SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS. —ISAIAH 45:13

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"WOE TO HIM WHO STRIVES WITH HIM WHO FORMED HIM,  
A POT AMONG EARTHEN POTS!

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DOES THE CLAY SAY TO HIM WHO FORMS IT,  
"WHAT ARE YOU MAKING?" OR  
"YOUR WORK HAS NO HANDLES?" —ISAIAH 45:9

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<sup>7</sup>AND GOD SENT ME BEFORE YOU TO PRESERVE FOR YOU  
A REMNANT ON EARTH, AND TO KEEP ALIVE FOR YOU MANY  
SURVIVORS. <sup>8</sup>SO IT WAS NOT YOU WHO SENT ME HERE, BUT GOD...

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<sup>20</sup>AS FOR YOU, YOU MEANT EVIL AGAINST ME, BUT GOD MEANT IT  
FOR GOOD, TO BRING IT ABOUT THAT MANY PEOPLE SHOULD  
BE KEPT ALIVE, AS THEY ARE TODAY. —GENESIS 45:7-8; 50:20

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"GOD SOMETIMES ALLOWS US TO TRAVEL PATHWAYS WE WOULD  
NOT HAVE CHOSEN TO EXPERIENCE HIS LOVE AND BLESSING  
IN WAYS WE COULD NOT HAVE EVER COMPREHENDED."

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BUT, AS IT IS WRITTEN, "WHAT NO EYE HAS SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD,  
NOR THE HEART OF MAN IMAGINED, WHAT GOD HAS PREPARED  
FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM." —1 CORINTHIANS 2:9

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