

HE SHAPES US for His Purposes

**Prayer: Lord, let me
be willing for you to
shape your purposes in
me as I wait patiently
for you to reveal your
will to me through the
circumstances of my life.
Grant me faith where I
lack faith, and cast my
eyes on you. Amen**

It is another beautiful day. As I got out of bed, I looked out of the window and saw the ground below wet with the fresh morning rain. I looked up at the clouds after the rain and saw the beautiful rosy hues with the golden light shining through the light. Just as the Lord brings refreshing light and fresh air after a rain, so he works within our character through the Holy Spirit when we go through our trials. There is a joy that fills us when we submit to God's work in our lives and realizes His purposes and hand in shaping His resilience, patience and wisdom in us after we emerge from the trials. Difficult circumstances are part of His workshop in our lives. He is the potter and we are the clay.

Isaiah 64:8 reminds us: **But now, O Lord, You are our Father, We are the clay, and You our potter; And all of us are the work of Your hand.**

I am reminded of how the Lord spoke to me when I asked him why I have such a painful and traumatic childhood. He said to me just as a beautiful lily and lotus grow from the mud, so he shapes something beautiful in me out of the mud of my circumstances.

Luke 12:27-28 says, 'Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; but I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will He clothe you? You men of little faith!'

So, I do not complain about my circumstances for I will then complain against the hand of God. Instead I face them with courage and give thanks to God, relying on His wisdom.

As we go through this Circuit Breaker period, let us cast our thoughts on the work that the Lord is shaping in our lives, for He shapes us for His purposes ahead.



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SATURDAY
4.30PM SERVICE