

Refine/Adapt

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remove pollutants, extract impurities; modify/change something for a different use; purify, cleanse, adjust

Potter's Clay

To the weak I became weak, in order to win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I may by every possible means save some. Now I do all this because of the Gospel, so that I may share in the blessings. (1 Corinthians 9:22-23 CSB)

Harvest Cultivation (Mark 4:1-20)

Jesus' Holy Spirit invites us to remain humble and flexible, to have no expectations and hold everything loosely. Being fruitful appears to be easy: buy a field, sow some seeds, and wait for the harvest. Jesus the True Vine reveals various barriers and blockages preventing a fruitful harvest: hard hearts, life trials, shallow faith, worry and doubt, worldly seductions, deceptions and distractions. Discipleship is not obedience to a list of good works God expects us to perform. Following Jesus is a wild adventure of discovery and spiritual growth as we face many temptations, adversaries, and battles. We must remain flexible in the Spirit and open to continual pruning.

Discipleship & Prayer

- Is there anything I'm holding onto I need to let go?
- How am I pursuing fellowship with others unlike me?
- Holy Spirit, reveal whatever doesn't belong in my life.