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### 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

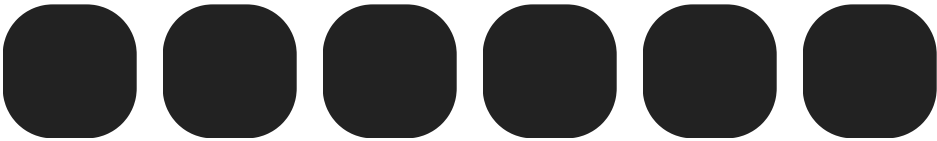
The prophet Isaiah says of the Lord, “We are the clay and You our potter; and all of us are the work of Your hand” ([Isaiah 64:8](#)). Comparing God to a skilled craftsman, Isaiah describes how He shapes believers so they increasingly resemble the Savior. Some of the tools our Father uses to mold and perfect His creations are ...

- The Bible. Jesus prayed for us, saying, “Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth” ([John 17:17](#)). As the Holy Spirit illuminates what we read, we're slowly transformed.
- The church. As part of Christ's body, we learn of God's ways from the pastor and teachers who have been called to minister. Fellowship with one another is also a method the Lord uses in our sanctification as we encourage and hold each other accountable.
- Suffering. Painful circumstances teach us submission, humility, and dependence on God so we can emerge from the difficulty with deeper faith, greater spiritual maturity, and refined character.

The Lord is forming us into vessels that honor and reflect Him. Are you yielding to His shaping tools?

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