

Made of Clay - by Lorelei Pepe

Isaiah 64:8- "You are our Father, we are the clay and you our potter. And we all are the work of your hand."

When I lived in Miami after my dad died, I moved in with my mom in her townhouse, as she could not bare being alone. I was glad to do it. I quit my corporate job and we traveled together for many years and had wonderful times. In between all that, I always wanted to create mermaids as Lorelei was a mermaid, the legend tells us and was excited to try my hand at it. I made them out of clay, rolled the clay out with a rolling pin, used a mold and cut them out and then let them air dry in the sun. After 2 days I would paint, decorate and glaze them .

I loved creating all one of a kind unique mermaids. I liked that the clay was so moldable and I could put them on mirrors, and ornaments also covered with seashells I collected from the ocean . Mom and I decided to do all the craft fairs in Miami and there were many all year round. I did this for over 10 years and even put them in consignment shops. Once on vacation, I even sold them out of the back of my car. They were a big hit!

This reminds me of how Jesus molds and shapes our lives if we give them over to him. As it said in the verse of Isaiah ,his mighty hand has us in his palm. He loves us and promises to be with us through our trials and tribulations and in our daily walk with him. Reading this scripture reminds me that I can grow and mature with my relationship with him. I am not the same person of faith that I was 10 years ago, and thankful for that.

We all have our seasons in life but a personal relationship with God can help us endure any thing that confronts us. Reading the bible, sharing our stories and praying enrich us and enlighten us.

Once we put God in the center of our lives, he will bless us. Remember Faith is not about knowing... it is about trusting.