

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Jeremiah 32:6-27 & 36-41. What questions come to you as you read the text? What do you find most challenging and/or most encouraging?
2. Read Jer 32:1-2. What's happening in Jerusalem as this moment unfolds in Jeremiah's life & ministry? How is that important?
3. What does the sudden intrusion of Jeremiah's cousin Hanamel have to do with what's happening? Does this offer seem to you like a good deal or a bad deal? Why?
4. Why is Jeremiah's purchase such a crucial part of his prophetic ministry? What is meant to be communicated by this seemingly ridiculous purchase?
5. Why do you think the passage lists so many witnesses & other observers to this single part of the drama taking part in Jerusalem? What is meant to happen regarding the purchase? What would anyone who heard this story around town have thought?
6. Re-read Jeremiah's prayer beginning in verse 17. How would you describe this prayer? Is Jeremiah praying from a position of resigned defeat or as an affirmation of his assurance in the future work of Yahweh? Explain your answer.
7. What will happen to Jeremiah's expanded real estate holding over the next 70 years? What would you assume will take place there after the exile ends? On what basis do you make that assumption?
8. When have you stepped out in faith into a risky proposition because you believed God was calling you into it? What happened? Would you do so again? Why/not?
9. Even if you won't be here to see the results, what investment in the future might you make toward the advancement of God's will in this city?
10. What does this text call you to do?

Remember:

God's plan will continue on God's schedule
according to the destiny God desires for each of his children.

Continue praying through the week:

***Father prepare me for whatever you require today
and lead me in faith wherever you call me to go.
In Jesus' Name...Amen.***

Living Water Fellowship

15th Sunday after Pentecost – 1st September 2024

Happy Father's Day!

COME TO JESUS

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION *GOODNESS OF GOD (MARANATHA MUSIC)*

WELCOME & PRAYER:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

SONG: *VIDEO – Speak O Lord (Keith & Kristyn Getty)*

BIBLE READING: *Jeremiah 32:6-27*

⁶At that time the Lord sent me a message. He said, ⁷“Your cousin Hanamel son of Shallum will come & say to you, ‘Buy my field at Anathoth. By law you have the right to buy it before it is offered to anyone else.’” ⁸Then, just as the Lord had said he would, my cousin Hanamel came & visited me in the prison. He said, “Please buy my field at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin. By law you have the right to buy it before it is offered to anyone else, so buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that the message I had heard was from the Lord.

⁹So I bought the field at Anathoth, paying Hanamel seventeen pieces of silver for it. ¹⁰I signed & sealed the deed of purchase before witnesses, weighed out the silver, & paid him. ¹¹Then I took the sealed deed & an unsealed copy of the deed, which contained the terms & conditions of the purchase, ¹²and I handed them to Baruch son of Neriah & grandson of Mahseiah. I did all this in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, the witnesses who had signed the deed, & all the men of Judah who were there in the courtyard of the guardhouse. ¹³Then I said to Baruch as they all listened, ¹⁴“This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says: ‘Take both this sealed deed & the unsealed copy, & put them into a pottery jar to preserve them for a long time.’” ¹⁵For this is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says: ‘Someday people will again own property here in this land & will buy & sell houses & vineyards & fields.’”

¹⁶Then after I had given the papers to Baruch, I prayed to the Lord: ¹⁷“O Sovereign Lord! You made the heavens & earth by your strong hand & powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you! ¹⁸You show unfailing love to thousands, but you also bring the consequences of one generation's sin upon the next. You are the great & powerful God, the Lord of Heaven's Armies. ¹⁹You have all wisdom & do great & mighty miracles. You see the conduct of all people, & you give them what they deserve. ²⁰You performed miraculous signs & wonders in the land of Egypt—things still remembered to this day! You have continued to do great miracles in Israel & all around the world. You have made your name famous to this day.

²¹ “You brought Israel out of Egypt with mighty signs & wonders, with a strong hand & powerful arm, & with overwhelming terror. ²² You gave the people of Israel this land that you had promised their ancestors long before—a land flowing with milk & honey. ²³ Our ancestors came & conquered it & lived in it, but they refused to obey you or follow your word. They have not done anything you commanded. That is why you have sent this terrible disaster upon them.

²⁴ “See how the siege ramps have been built against the city walls! Through war, famine, & disease, the city will be handed over to the Babylonians, who will conquer it. Everything has happened just as you said. ²⁵ And yet, O Sovereign Lord, you have told me to buy the field—paying good money for it before these witnesses—even though the city will soon be handed over to the Babylonians.”

²⁶ Then this message came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ²⁷ “I am the Lord, the God of all the peoples of the world. Is anything too hard for me?”

CHILDREN’S TIME

SONG: VIDEO – He Knows My Name (*Maranatha Singers*)

BIBLE READING: Jeremiah 32:36-41

Then this message came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ³⁶ “Now I want to say something more about this city. You have been saying, ‘It will fall to the king of Babylon through war, famine, and disease.’ But this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ³⁷ I will certainly bring my people back again from all the countries where I will scatter them in my fury. I will bring them back to this very city and let them live in peace and safety. ³⁸ They will be my people, and I will be their God. ³⁹ And I will give them one heart and one purpose: to worship me forever, for their own good and for the good of all their descendants. ⁴⁰ And I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good for them. I will put a desire in their hearts to worship me, and they will never leave me. ⁴¹ I will find joy doing good for them and will faithfully and wholeheartedly replant them in this land.

FAITH CHAT:

1. What’s something positive you learned from your father that you still rely on now?
2. How do you share your experience of God as Father into the next generation(s)?

THE MESSAGE: FULLY ENGAGED: WITH GOD’S LEGACY

OFFERING SONG: VIDEO – You Are My All in All

PRAYERS:

THE COMMUNION:

Words of Institution & The Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship during Communion:

VIDEO – Be Still (*The Fray*)

GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

**(Name), † child of God,
Christ calls you to a life of hopeful assurance in him.
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: VIDEO – Christ is Mine Forevermore (*CITYALIGHT*)

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