

Living Water Fellowship

17th Sunday in Pentecost

15TH SEPTEMBER 2024

COME TO JESUS

SONGS:

Only A Holy God

I Give You My Heart

WELCOME & PRAYER:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING:

Jeremiah 45:1-5

¹The prophet Jeremiah gave a message to Baruch son of Neriah in the fourth year of the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, after Baruch had written down everything Jeremiah had dictated to him. He said, ²“This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to you, Baruch: ³You have said, ‘I am overwhelmed with trouble! Haven’t I had enough pain already? And now the Lord has added more! I am worn out from sighing and can find no rest.’

⁴“Baruch, this is what the Lord says: ‘I will destroy this nation that I built. I will uproot what I planted. ⁵Are you seeking great things for yourself? Don’t do it! I will bring great disaster upon all these people; but I will give you your life as a reward wherever you go. I, the Lord, have spoken!’”

CHILDREN’S TIME:

SONG:

Ancient of Days

FAITH CHAT:

1. What’s the longest time you’ve ever had to “work” on one thing?
What was that like?
2. Where in your life are you finding daily faithfulness the biggest challenge?

THE MESSAGE:

FULLY ENGAGED: IN DAILY FAITHFULNESS

OFFERING SONG:

Good & Gracious King

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 Video during Communion: I Speak Jesus

GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

**(Name), † child of God,
May God's faithfulness strengthen you in your own.
-- Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: *Lord of All Hopefulness*

SHOW HIS LOVE

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Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Jeremiah 45. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you find most challenging?
2. The name "Baruch" means, "One who is blessed." Does Baruch feel or seem particularly blessed in this portion of Jeremiah? Why do you think God allowed Baruch to feel such despair? How do you deal with those times when you are "at the end of your tether"?
3. What can we learn from Baruch's struggle about coping with life's difficulties? How does the promise of life in verse 5 contrast with the rest of the prophecy?
4. What is the significance of God's promise to Baruch? How does it apply to us today?
5. What does this chapter teach us about God's knowledge of & concern for our individual struggles? How does that feel to you today? Why? How can this chapter guide us in maintaining our faith when we feel overwhelmed?
6. Why would God caution Baruch about desiring "great things"? What is at risk here for Baruch?
7. Why does God simply not eliminate evil & pain suffered by his people? Discuss the real possibility that God has spared you from a number of disasters that you simply do not know about.
8. State in your own words the three main points in God's response to Baruch's complaint. These are basically the 3 points in Pastor John's message today.
 - i. God _____ so closely to your prayers he can _____ you.
 - ii. Things could get _____ but God is still _____.
 - iii. You are part of God's _____ plan, so set your _____ on him.
9. What does this text call you to do?

Remember:

Daily faithfulness does not save us,
but it reveals our Saviour to a watching world.

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.***