

Weekly Devotional

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Session 17 – The Kingdoms' Fall

"The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord." Lamentations 3:25-26

I don't know what season of life you are in, but I do know this. God has something for you to do. Hedid for Jeremiah. And he has something for you to do too. In the New Testament book of Ephesians the apostle Paul writes to the church, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God created in advance for us to do" (Eph. 2:10). Whatever season of life you are in God is calling you to make a difference. And he is desiring to equip you to make that difference. Right now. Today.
Are you available for his purposes?

Read Ch. 17 in The Story book or in your Bible (you will be reading from 5 books of the Bible: **2 Kings 21:1a,2-16; 2 Chronicles 33:10-13; 21-25; 2 Kings 23:36a,37; 24:1-2,6,8-17; Ezekiel 1:1,4-6,22-28; 2:1-4,6-7; 6:1-10; 7:5,7-8; Jeremiah 1:4-10,18-19; 2:4,11-13,20a,21-22,26-28; 4:5-8; 5:1; 13:17-19; 2 Chronicles 36:11-16; 2 Kings 25:1-3; Jeremiah 21:1-10; 2 Kings 25:4-12,21b; Lamentations 1:1-3; 2:17; 3:21-26; 5:1,15-16,19-21; and Ezekiel 36:22-28,33-36; 37:1-14.**

Think on these questions:

1. What do these passages tell us about GOD? (Who is God? What is God like? What has God done?)
2. What do these passages tell us about US (Human Beings)? (What/how are we supposed to be? What has gone wrong?)
3. What do these passages tell us about HOW WE SHOULD LIVE? (What has God done about what has gone wrong? What does He expect of us? How should we live?)

Closing Prayer:

As you take time to pray, here are some ideas to get you started:

- Thank God that he is the One who can bring hope, even in the times when it feels like there is no remedy.
- Ask God to use you as his light to show others his presence, power and plan.

Personal Action:

Identify others in your own family who have wandered from God. Pray for them. As applicable, consider giving them a call, sending a note of encouragement, or spending time with them. Ask God to use you to extend his message of grace.

Next Session: Please read ch 18 of The Story, "Daniel in Exile."