

# Sermon Notes — August 3, 2014

## Review

- Our summer series: “Thirsty?” (Jeremiah/Lamentations)
- Last Sunday we traveled with Jeremiah to a potter’s house where we saw that God has the right as C \_\_\_\_\_ to form, direct, and re-direct—not only h \_\_\_\_\_ h \_\_\_\_\_—but my p \_\_\_\_\_ l \_\_\_\_\_ as well.

## When You Face Difficulty, Use Good Theology!

Are they c \_\_\_\_\_...or m \_\_\_\_\_? (4-9)

- ⇒ Living by faith often involves joyfully receiving from God’s hand something I would not otherwise choose.
- ⇒ Living by faith means believing that God has His g \_\_\_\_\_ and our g \_\_\_\_\_ in mind. NOTE: “g \_\_\_\_\_” does not equal “e \_\_\_\_\_.”
- ⇒ Living by faith means acknowledging that God’s t \_\_\_\_\_ is not the same as ours.

*“Most people would like God to work out their problems by the end of the week, not the end of the century.” (Philip Graham Ryken)*

- ⇒ God tells the Hebrew captives to “seek the *shalom* of the city where He has allowed them to be taken.
- ⇒ Let’s talk about Sunset Bible Church...

## When Your Soul is Weary, HOPE in God!

When everything falls apart, what do you have left? (10-14)

The info on the 70 year captivity was read & believed years later by Daniel (see Jeremiah 25:11-12; 29:16; Daniel 9:2)

- ⇒ “For *I*, I know the plans” Who knows God’s plans? \_\_\_\_\_
- ⇒ “...that I have for *you*” (Key Bible Study issue: Who is “you”? Always ask, To whom was this promise given?)

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- ⇒ Knowing God is the highest possible good. We often seek God’s g \_\_\_\_\_...but not the G \_\_\_\_\_.

When You Get Advice on Life, be Discerning!  
Preachers need to speak truth; listeners need to listen carefully. (8-9, 15-32)

- ⇒ God is not amused by people who claim to speak for Him...but do not speak His message.
- ⇒ The God of the Bible is the God who speaks T \_\_\_\_\_ (capital T). In our pluralistic age it is considered a mark of wisdom to be a seeker of truth and an evidence of pride to suggest that you’ve found any of it.
- ⇒ Notice again how Jeremiah 29:4 begins!

## Applying God’s Word

- What does it mean to “seek the good of the city” where I live? What are some things that Christians might do... never forgetting that ultimately what people need most is Christ?
- How careful am I as I read & listen to religious advice from all sources? Do I actively measure everything by God’s Word?
- Is your soul weary today? HOPE in God!

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Next Sunday: August 10, 2014

Jeremiah 31  
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