

# REDEEMING THE TIME

Jeremiah 17.5-10 // March 22, 2020

## NOTES:

### TWO CHOICES IN THE DESERT

The First Man: He trusts in man. He is like a shrub in the desert. He is indeed alive, but he is wasting away in a time of drought.

The Second Man: He trusts in the Lord. His roots are embedded in the water, so that he doesn't live in fear or anxiety when the heat comes. His leaves stay green, and he bears fruit to bless others with.

In a time of drought and hardship, we have the choice of where to "plant" ourselves. Where do we dig into to find our source of strength?

### PURPOSEFUL NEGLECT

We find ourselves in a time of "forced neglect." We have been given a mandate to refrain from and neglect so many things in our lives. And though we can't change that, we *can* change how we respond to it and how we utilize it.

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Just like oranges,  
**we find out what's inside of us when we are squeezed.**

### FLATTEN THE CURVE

Now, though we have been forced into neglect and depravation, more than ever, possibly, do we need a plan of attack. New habits will creep in, and just like with this virus, we need to cut off these new habits at the pass. We need to flatten the curve so to speak and prevent these new habits or sinful responses from getting out ahead of us and out of hand.

A few simple responses to incorporate into your liturgy:

- Limit News Cycling
- Don't just stay connected with people, *pray* for them.
- Be aware of the temptation to run to the wrong places and outlets.
- Find creative and God-glorifying hobbies and activity.
- *But...* don't just seek out godly hobbies or digital fellowship to pass the time. Seek out God Himself.

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Mathew 14:30-31

But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the Memory Verse?

Read Hebrews Jeremiah 17.5-10. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

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Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Read Revelation 7.17 and John 7.37-39. When you compare this one with Jeremiah 17.5-10, what Gospel truths can you preach to yourself and to your family to help you gain perspective during this time to fill you not with fear or anxiety, but with hope?

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Repent and Ask for Provision

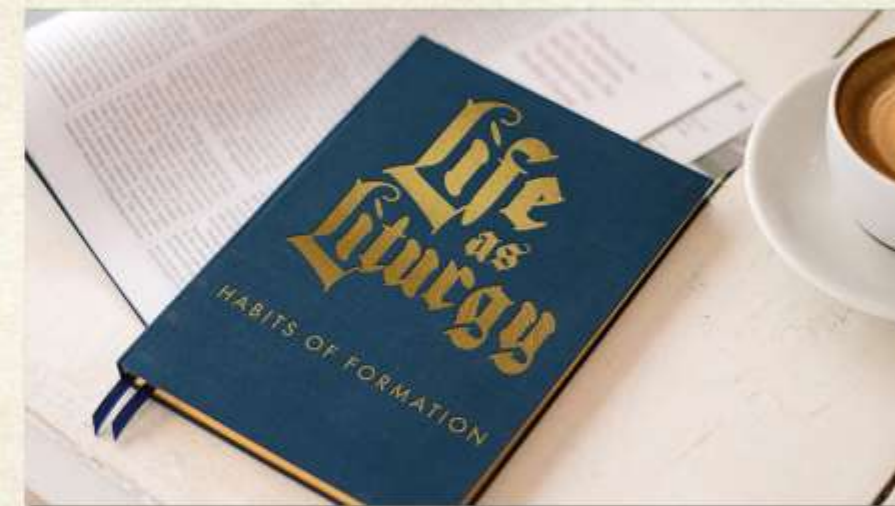
It is quite easy and very human to have some fear and worry about tomorrow. This reminds us how much we need a Savior. What specific fears or anxieties do you have that you need to cast upon your Savior and let Him carry for you?

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Your Life Mission

Though we are in our homes, our mission is not on hold. Our first focus must be to get our own hearts and worship in order. And after that, we are still to "go and make disciples." You have been uniquely placed around the friends and neighbors you have for such a time as this. What conversations could you use prayer for as you think of those in your life you could be reaching out to at this particular time?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the P.R.A.Y. model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer Yielding with Thanksgiving for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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