



Do You Know ~~About~~ Jesus? (Part 12)

Three Simple But Disruptive Questions When Facing Troublesome Times

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SERIES TEXT: Eternal life is to know you, the only true God, and TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST, the one you sent." - Jesus, John 17:3 CEV

SERIES BIG IDEA: Knowing Jesus is the key to knowing eternal hope, joy and peace in your life.

Why does Jeremiah's narrative matter to us today?

- In the fourth year of Jehoiakim... (v1)
- "Get a scroll and write down everything I've told you... Maybe the community... will finally get it... Maybe, just maybe, they'll start PRAYING and God will hear their prayers. Maybe they'll TURN BACK..." (vv 2-3; 7)
- When they heard it all, they were upset. (v 16)
- After Jehudi would read three or four columns, the king would CUT THEM OFF the scroll with his pocketknife and throw them in the fire. HE CONTINUED IN THIS WAY until the entire scroll had been BURNED up in the fire. (vv 22-23)
- Neither the king nor any of his officials showed the slightest twinge of CONSCIENCE as they listened to the Message read. (v 24)
- After... Jeremiah received this Message from God: "Get another blank scroll and DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN. Write out everything that was in that first scroll... (vv 27-28)
- So Jeremiah went and got another scroll... he **again** wrote down everything... (v 32)
- Do it again!

"I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out – plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for." -The Lord, Jeremiah 29:11 MSG

God's Got This!

THREE SIMPLE BUT DISRUPTIVE QUESTIONS WHEN FACING TROUBLESOME TIMES

I. DOES GOD KNOW MY SITUATION?

- *Does God really know the relational pain of my bad break, the heartache of my loss, the trauma of my crisis?*
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- "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb." - The Lord, Jeremiah 1:5 NLT
- "And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered." - Jesus, Luke 12:7 BSB
- "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? COME TO ME. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything ill-fitting on you. KEEP COMPANY WITH ME and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."
- Jesus, Matthew 11:28-30 MSG

II. IS ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR GOD TO HANDLE?

- "I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." - Jesus, Matthew 16:18 KJV
- **When haters say no, faith texts yes & amen:** "With man this is impossible, but WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE." - Jesus, Matthew 19:26 NIV

"The horse is here to stay but the automobile is only a novelty – a fad."

Michigan Savings Bank to Henry Ford's Lawyer, 1903

"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home."

Ken Olsen, Chairman of Digital Equipment Corporation, 1977

"Apple computer is a chaotic mess without a strategic vision and certainly no future."

Time Magazine, 1996

God's Got This!

- 25 New Members at Calvary!
- 28 Water Baptisms at Calvary!
- 110 First-Time Givers (tithes, offerings & missions)!
- 192 Salvation Decisions!

III. DOES GOD HAVE A GOOD PLAN FOR MY LIFE?

- Will you put more miles on Calvary's 95-yr. odometer with me by helping people find and follow Jesus?
- "I've got My hand on this city [Seattle] to save it." - The Lord, Isaiah 37:35 MSG
- "Wow! The benches are gorgeous!" - Roosevelt Neighbor
- "The Dog Bark is officially approved by Picco!" - Roosevelt Neighbor
- "We are loving all the improvements." - Roosevelt Neighbor
- "The team is doing amazing work. I talk about it with all my neighbors and everyone is super impressed so far!" - Roosevelt Neighbor
- "There is hope for your future, declares the LORD." Jeremiah 31:17 ESV
- "The time is coming when I WILL TURN EVERYTHING AROUND for My people..." - God, Jeremiah 30:3 MSG