

SERMON

DATE: Saturday - Sunday, October 19-20, 2019

SERIES: *Faithful*

SERMON TITLE: When Life Doesn't Turn Out Well

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 20:1-6

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[1] When the priest Pashhur son of Immer, the official in charge of the temple of the LORD, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things,

[2] he had Jeremiah the prophet beaten and put in the stocks at the Upper Gate of Benjamin at the LORD's temple.

[3] The next day, when Pashhur released him from the stocks, Jeremiah said to him, "The LORD's name for you is not Pashhur, but Terror on Every Side.

[4] For this is what the LORD says: 'I will make you a terror to yourself and to all your friends; with your own eyes you will see them fall by the sword of their enemies. I will give all Judah into the hands of the king of Babylon, who will carry them away to Babylon or put them to the sword.

[5] I will deliver all the wealth of this city into the hands of their enemies—all its products, all its valuables and all the treasures of the kings of Judah. They will take it away as plunder and carry it off to Babylon.

[6] And you, Pashhur, and all who live in your house will go into exile to Babylon. There you will die and be buried, you and all your friends to whom you have prophesied lies.'"

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1. Life doesn't always turn out the way you want.

2. We live in a world which opposes God.

- *John 15:18-19* "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

3. We can live for God in the worst of times.

- Live obediently.
 - Seek to please God
 - Place God and His Word first.
- Keep your eye on the prize.
- Be strong and courageous – and don't quit.
- Submit everything to God in prayer.

Lagniappe

Do you remember when Colombia was the drug capital of the world? Do you remember when Medellin was known for murders and drug cartels?

Today, the whole climate has changed, and today we have a five-person mission team in Medellin helping a new evangelical church preach the gospel and reach its community.

Before, Glynn Robinson left this weekend for Colombia, I asked him to share with us some of the work going on there.

“We are sending a five-person team to Medellin, Colombia, to serve Pastor Jonathan Calle and his church *Comunidad Cristiana El Redil*, a church plant in an area called Los Bernal. Their church has called upon us to help them connect with their community through teaching conversational English and participating in personal evangelism events.

El Redil is the only protestant church in the Los Bernal area of Medellin. In just a few years, it has grown from a handful of people to a regular attendance of 100 people. The church has developed strong lay-leadership and is enthusiastic about getting out into the community to reach people for Christ. As with any fledgling church, the first few years have been challenging in terms of people and resources, but God has been faithful and so have the people of FBC Covington. As we have sent teams, we have seen growth in numbers of people, faith, and giving within their congregation.

It is often a great challenge for a church-plant to become self-sustaining and they are not there yet. Through the faithfulness of Pastor Calle, his leadership team, and what he calls the “Louisiana Connection” his church is beginning to see the reality of self-sustainability in terms of growing membership and giving. They have experienced several months of giving that met or exceeded their monthly needs. This is happening because they remain faithful to the calling of God, teach sound doctrine, and our partnership in ministry with them.

As you pray, please keep our team and their church lifted up. As you give, give knowing that as you do, you are making a difference in our community and in places such as Medellin, Colombia. Gracias.”

Thanks to all of you who make this ministry possible as you give your tithes and offerings.