

**DATE:** Sunday, July 5, 2020

**SERIES: LIVING IN THE PARENTHESIS:** *Steps to a Joyful and Meaningful Life*

**SERMON:** America in the Parenthesis

***Jeremiah 17:1-8***

[3] “Judah’s sin is engraved with an iron tool, inscribed with a flint point, on the tablets of their hearts and on the horns of their altars.

[2] Even their children remember their altars and Asherah poles beside the spreading trees and on the high hills.

[3] My mountain in the land and your wealth and all your treasures I will give away as plunder, together with your high places, because of sin throughout your country.

[4] Through your own fault you will lose the inheritance I gave you. I will enslave you to your enemies in a land you do not know, for you have kindled my anger, and it will burn forever.”

[5] This is what the LORD says: “Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD.

[6] That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.

[7] “But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him.

[8] They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

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*What we all want and need . . .*

1. To be \_\_\_\_\_.

2. To be \_\_\_\_\_.

3. To be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for.

- *"I just want to know that someone cares."*

4. To know \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_.

- *Philippians 3:10* I want to know Christ - yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

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## ***A Critical Month***

The month of July will be a critical month in our country and in FBC Covington. At the time that we need to be moving forward with re-opening the country, cases of the coronavirus have reached the highest daily total to date according to John Hopkins University. At the same time, we are experiencing unrest in our own lives and throughout the country.

During this critical time as a church, we need to pull together and focus our efforts to reach and equip adults in Christ, and to train-up children in the ways of the Lord. FBC Covington needs to reestablish Ministries, and to continue to *“help people know and accept Jesus Christ and through Him to experience life-changing relationships.”*

This effort will not allow less commitment. It will demand greater commitment.

The time is critical because – through no fault of our own - we’ve been away from the emotional and spiritual support that comes from the gathering of the church. ***While we can’t change the past, we must change the future by our relentless pursuit of living for Christ and sharing Him with others.***

We must see ourselves as ministers of the gospel who are discipling preschoolers, children, and youth, as well as equipping the adults around us to minister for Christ and to serve Him with all their hearts.

***We are facing the most difficult church time of our lives.***

***This time is critical.***

***Will you be found faithful?***

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