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Jeremiah 45

- [1] When Baruch son of Neriah wrote on a scroll the words Jeremiah the prophet dictated in the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, Jeremiah said this to Baruch:
- [2] "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to you, Baruch:
- [3] You said, 'Woe to me! The LORD has added sorrow to my pain; I am worn out with groaning and find no rest.'
- [4] But the LORD has told me to say to you, 'This is what the LORD says: I will overthrow what I have built and uproot what I have planted, throughout the earth.
- [5] Should you then seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them. For I will bring disaster on all people, declares the LORD, but wherever you go I will let you escape with your life."

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• Don't get stuck in "Woe is me".

2 Actively <u>work</u> to <u>make</u> things better.

- Don't give up.
- Give thanks for what you do have.
- <u>Reframe</u> the situation *Baruch gave us Holy Scripture!*
- <u>Change</u> your mindset and <u>change</u> your life.

3 Let God redeem the time.

- Colossians 4:5-6 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.
- Give your time and your situation to God.
- Let God bring good from the <u>bad</u>.
 - o **Romans 8:28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
 - Philippians 1:12 Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.
 - o "Because of my chains."
- Trust God and don't live in fear.
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Making Disciples and Opening Up

This is the purpose of First Baptist Church: We exist to help people know and accept Jesus Christ and through Him experience life-changing relationships.

We do this because Jesus gave us the command to go into all the world making disciples. He told us to baptize and to teach, and we take the process of making disciples seriously. We have been given the opportunity to reach children and adults and to lead them into becoming fully devoted followers of Christ.

For these reasons we are moving forward as quickly and safely as possible (now under Phase Three) to initiate teaching and training opportunities.

Here are disciple-making opportunities which are open, or will be opening soon:

Tuesday Men's Breakfast begins this Tuesday, September 15, at 6:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Morning – September 16th:

• *MESSY RELATIONSHIPS* led by Martha Bailey – is a Women's Bible Study - beginning this Wednesday, September 16, at 10 AM in the Worship Center.

Wednesday Night - September 23rd:

- Preschool, Children, and Youth Activities begin in-person at 6:30 PM
- *The Pastor's Bible Study* which I call *Wednesday Worship* will begin at 6:45 PM in Central Hall with a study of 1-2 Corinthians. In person or on-line.
- *Financial Peace University* learn how money doesn't have to be stressful, how to build a legacy, dump debt, communicate in marriage, & plan for your future. Room W401 at 6:45PM. In person or on-line.
- *PLACE*, a study of spiritual gifts, helps you determine your best fit for ministry through First Baptist Church and for the kingdom of God. Room W405 at 6:45PM. In person or on-line.

Wednesday Night - September 30th:

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• *The Armor of God* Women's Bible Study will challenge you to suit up, stand firm, and secure victory in your life against the invisible war raging around you every day. East Assembly at 6:45PM. In person only.

These are only some of the opportunities beginning soon and we look forward to seeing all of you who are able.