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## For Orlando

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### Passage: Jeremiah 32:1-15

**1**This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. **2**At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was imprisoned in the courtyard of the guard, which was in the palace of the king of Judah. **3**For Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him, saying: “Why are you prophesying like this? You claim that the LORD says, ‘Behold, I am about to deliver this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it. **4**Zedekiah king of Judah will not escape from the hands of the Chaldeans,<sup>a</sup> but he will surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and will speak with him face to face and see him eye to eye. **5**He will take Zedekiah to Babylon, where he will stay until I attend to him, declares the LORD. If you fight against the Chaldeans, you will not succeed.’” **6**Jeremiah replied, “The word of the LORD came to me, saying: **7**Behold! Hanamel, the son of your uncle Shallum, is coming to you to say, ‘Buy for yourself my field in Anathoth, for you have the right of redemption to buy it.’ **8**Then, as the LORD had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the courtyard of the guard and urged me, ‘Please buy my field in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for you own the right of inheritance and redemption. Buy it for yourself.’” Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD. **9**So I bought the field in Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and I weighed out seventeen shekels of silver.<sup>b</sup> **10**I signed and sealed the deed, called in witnesses, and weighed out the silver on the scales. **11**Then I took the deed of purchase—the sealed copy with its terms and conditions, as well as the open copy— **12**and I gave this deed to Baruch son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the sight of my cousin Hanamel and the witnesses who were signing the purchase agreement and all the Jews sitting in the courtyard of the guard. **13**In their sight I instructed Baruch, **14**“This is what the LORD of Hosts, the God of Israel, says: Take these deeds—both the sealed copy and the open copy of the deed of purchase—and put them in a clay jar to preserve them for a long time. **15**For this is what the LORD of Hosts, the God of Israel, says: Houses, fields, and vineyards will again be bought in this land.”

### Background

Today, as we consider again how we can serve our own community with both our time, talents, and treasures, Pastor Danny will remind us that when we *give* and *serve* we demonstrate both trust in God and hope for the future.

### Sermon Notes

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## Instructions

Since we believe we are BETTER TOGETHER, this discussion guide serves as a conversation guide with your small group. The “Belong” section offers an ‘ice-breaker’ or reflection question to start your time together. In the “Believe” section, feel free to use all or only some of the questions. Our hope is to have meaningful conversations around God’s Word, not simply answer all the questions. Finally, the “Become” section is to help identify a specific next step. Use these questions as a guide to find practical ways to apply the passage to our everyday life and to pray for one another.

## Belong

- Who is the most generous person you know and *how* do they demonstrate their generosity (not just financially)? What have you learned from them?

## Believe

- **Read again Jeremiah 32.** What is going on when the events of this passage take place? How did God communicate to Jeremiah? How did Jeremiah know it was a ‘word’ from the Lord? How did Jeremiah respond? Why was his action a demonstration of faith AND hope? In what ways would Jeremiah’s actions give hope to the community? In what ways are you demonstrating your faith using your time, talent, and treasure right now? Who has encouraged you with the way they have used their resources and abilities to serve others recently? How has God prompted or challenged you to be generous recently?
- What stood out to you the most about this week’s message? What verse or passage was most meaningful and why? Where else do you see these truths in Scripture? What challenged you? What prompted questions in your own mind? What did you learn about who God is? What is one thing you learned about yourself? What is one way the message revealed our need for Jesus and what Jesus has done on our behalf? What do you believe is the main “take away” from this week’s message for your own life? Who in your life right now could use the encouragement you heard this week? How can you best communicate the truth of God’s Word you heard today to them?
- What excites you the most about the future of God’s work in the life of our church? In what ways can you see God using you in the life of our church and in the community to help others follow Jesus? What is the next best step for you as you follow Jesus today?

## Become

- In what specific way can you demonstrate your faith, hope, and trust in God by being generous with your own time, talent, and treasure this week?
- **PRAYER POINTS:** How can we pray specifically for one another this week? Pray for one of our ministry partners specifically. Pray for the offering collected to support those ministries. Pray for clarity on how you can GIVE and SERVE our community in the coming weeks. Pray for unity among believers in our church, city, and nation. Pray you will be obedient when God gives you opportunity to give and serve others this week.