



***Sermon-based small groups connect the week to the weekend!***

*Dig deeper into the talk each week, while getting connected, cared for and known. Challenge yourself to see how the message actually makes sense and applies to your everyday life and do it with people just like you to support you on your journey.*

**Message Info:** Same You, New Field, 1/29/23 - If you've ever felt hopeless; like there was no way out and no proof that anything would change, surrounded by enemies - you're not alone. In scripture, we have countless examples of God working miracles in the midst of bleak circumstances. The key is placing trust in God. It's listening for His voice and following through, no matter how counter intuitive the direction seems. (Passages: Jeremiah 32 & 33, Deuteronomy 31:6, Isaiah 40:31, Hebrews 11:1, Romans 8:28, 37 & 10:11, Jeremiah 29:11)

**Discussion Questions:** Take your time and dig into these questions.

Recall a time when you needed change. Whether relational, job troubles, or something else - how did you make it through? Did you seek God, wait on Him, and follow His direction? Or did you handle things more independently? How did things turn out?

Read Jeremiah 32:1-27. What stands out to you about this passage? Why?

Jeremiah was imprisoned for speaking the words given to him by God. Despite this, he still listened to what God instructed him to do. God told him to purchase a field that was barren and under Babylonian control - probably not Jeremiah's ideal real estate investment. But instead of looking to his own rationale, he obeyed.

Read Jeremiah 33:1-3. What stands out to you about this passage?

God follows up with a reminder to Jeremiah. Though still imprisoned, he is far from alone. Look up the supporting verses listed above for reminders that you are not alone and God is faithful.

Make a statement of faith to live by. Buy a field right where you're at. Declare to trust God, and place your hope in him, regardless of what you can see. He is trustworthy. His work on the cross and the empty tomb that followed are a promise of new life. Get to know the promises of God for you.

**Group Challenge:** Put your statement of faith to work! Start identifying ways you can live it today.