

IN TOUCH

WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH

Dear Friend:

Times are not easy, that is for sure, but I believe they are better than they were a year ago at this time. In August of 2020 we just came out of COVID-19 July surge and another surge hit in September. Unemployment was much higher and the economy was “in the tank.”

Things are better than a year ago but times are not easy yet! Jeremiah the prophet lived in a more desperate and depressing time than we do. His country Judah, was in moral degradation and getting worse. An enemy country surrounded Judah and eventually invaded it, killing many citizens and deported thousands. It was in these circumstances that God called Jeremiah to deliver messages of doom and gleam. By the way, God told Jeremiah: “The people won’t listen to you and they will try to kill you.” What a wonderful life for Jeremiah.

How did Jeremiah stay faithful to God, how did he keep going in tough times? Jeremiah chapter 1 reveals 4 truths that God gave Jeremiah to make it through tough times.

First, God reminded Jeremiah that He created him. Jeremiah 1:5 says: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.” This is a clear creation statement. Edison knew more about the light bulb than anyone. The Wright brothers knew more about their plane than anyone and God, because he created you, knows more about you than anyone. A second truth in the passage is: God called Jeremiah for a purpose. The purpose was to deliver God’s messages. Understanding that God has a purpose for your life will get you through tough times. Third truth, God reminded Jeremiah that he cared about him. Jeremiah deeply needed to hear this because he was eventually persecuted, jailed, and ridiculed. When you go through tough times remember God cares for you. Fourth truth: God commissioned Jeremiah. God said: “It’s time - now go do what I have asked.” God has commissioned you – now go do whatever God has asked you to do.

In Christ’s Love

Pastor Mike

Prayers: Lorei Lees (hear)t, Belinda Lee (liver disease), Mike and Heather Slagle (Campus Crusade/Cru)

Events; Sunday 9:00 am Bible Study, Kirk McVay, leader