

OUR PART IN THE STORY:

Daily devotions on Sunday's Narrative Lectionary text

God Promises New Covenant
Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34

SHARE your highs and lows for the day.

READ Sunday's entire text each day to learn the story deeply. The major players in this story are a self-indulgent king, a loyal scribe, a prophet who has the task of telling bad news upon bad news, and the Lord, who never gives up on any of them.

❖ The words of prophesy in Jeremiah's age were committed to a scroll so that the people would remember them for years to come. The king burned the scroll, but Jeremiah had it written again. Discuss how important information is passed on today. Are those formats permanent? What types of expression do you think are best for sharing important information?

TALK about what you just read, and relate it to your highs and lows. The questions and prompts below are intended to spark discussion and action. Use one each day or several at one sitting.

- ❖ How do you think Jeremiah felt, having to share so much difficult news?
- ❖ Can you compare the self-indulgent king to anyone in today's culture? Who avoids and hides condemning words?
- ❖ What was different about God's new covenant? What is the message of hope in chapter 31?
- ❖ What has God written on your heart?

PRAY for your family and friends, in thanksgiving for God's presence in your life, for your highs and lows, and for the courage to tell the truth.

BLESS each other by making the sign of the cross on each other's forehead and saying, "God's message is written on your heart."

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Read a different text each day, and consider how it relates to Sunday's lesson and to your daily experiences.

MONDAY: Jeremiah Buys a Field
Jeremiah 32:1-8

- ❖ What is your indication that a sign is truly from the Lord?

TUESDAY: Jeremiah Prays for Understanding
Jeremiah 32:16-25

- ❖ What do you do to follow God's will when you don't understand?

WEDNESDAY: God's Assurance of the People's Return
Jeremiah 32:26-44

- ❖ What assurance would you like to hear from God right now?

THURSDAY: Healing after Punishment
Jeremiah 33:1-13

- ❖ Why do you think the Lord needed to provide an introduction in vs. 1-2?

FRIDAY: The Righteous Branch and Covenant with David
Jeremiah 33:14-26

- ❖ What are the implications of the Lord's words in this reading?

SATURDAY: Jeremiah is Imprisoned
Jeremiah 37:11-21

- ❖ How far would you be willing to go to follow your calling? Would you go to prison for your faith?