



September 28 – When Dreams Unravel

Have you ever felt in a good, safe place with God only to have something happens where you end up feeling like God is far away and not listening? Join us this weekend as the prophet Jeremiah had words for God's people in exile, so too, he has a message for us today when our dreams unravel.

Scripture:

Psalm 13 NLT

O Lord, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will you look the other way? ²How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day? How long will my enemy have the upper hand? ³Turn and answer me, O Lord my God! Restore the sparkle to my eyes, or I will die. ⁴Don't let my enemies gloat, saying, "We have defeated him!" Don't let them rejoice at my downfall. ⁵But I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me. ⁶I will sing to the Lord because he is good to me.

Jeremiah 29:1-7 NLT

Jeremiah wrote a letter from Jerusalem to the elders, priests, prophets, and all the people who had been exiled to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar. ²This was after King Jehoiachin, the queen mother, the court officials, the other officials of Judah, and all the craftsmen and artisans had been deported from Jerusalem. ³He sent the letter with Elasah son of Shaphan and Gemariah son of Hilkiah when they went to Babylon as King Zedekiah's ambassadors to Nebuchadnezzar. This is what Jeremiah's letter said:

⁴This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says to all the captives he has exiled to Babylon from Jerusalem: ⁵"Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens and eat the food they produce. ⁶Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away! ⁷And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare."

Questions:

- What has unraveled and/or is unraveling in today's story of the Israelites in exile?
- What are the results of the unraveling?
- How is God working in the midst of the unraveling?
- What might you learn from this unraveling?

Reading for the Week:

- **Monday:** Psalm 119:50
- **Tuesday:** Micah 7:8
- **Wednesday:** Nahum 1:7
- **Thursday:** Isaiah 43:1-3
- **Friday:** Romans 8:38-39