Friday, February 17: Read <u>Jeremiah 9-10</u>

Jeremiah is called the weeping prophet. He lives through the tragedy of the take over by Babylon and the captivity of Israel. He foresees the destruction and paints a vivid picture of it with his words. Even so, no one heeds his warnings.

Notes:

Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacios (Angola, Africa), David & Miriam Trott (Cochabamba, Bolivia), Mario Bloise (Argentina), Nate & MaryBeth Brace (Kentucky), Dan & DeAnn Gerard (San Antonio, TX), Robert Newkirk (Jesus Film), Craig & Shelly Shafer (Sentani, Indonesia), Randy & Kari Ash, (CEF), Mike & Fran VanBruggen (S. Africa), Sue Sanders (Detroit, MI), Matt Kooi (Tijuana), Daniel Jezonski (Wycliffe), Danielle Tucker (YWAM), Andrew & Sara Williams (New Tribes).

Specific Concerns:

Pray this weekend:

- •Review of the week (Thank God for answered prayer)
- •Note any ongoing concerns to pray for the week.
- •Praise God that He is working in your life. You are growing in your faith.

Spiritual Disciplines

Reading Assignments

- Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.
- Read the chapters of the Bible according to the date.
- Underline any meaningful verses and take note of specific advise or wisdom gleaned from your reading.



- Note any unclear passages or teaching and seek insight, answers or help.
- Think about what you're reading. Ask:
 - 1. How does this apply to me?
 - 2. Are there any temptations to avoid, sins to confess, commands to obey or promises to claim?
 - 3. What insight do I gain on God, myself, others, or life?
- Ask God to show you any specific action you need to take as you read.

Weekly Readings

Monday, February 13: Read *Jeremiah 1-2*

Jeremiah comes on the scene during the last 50 years of Judah's (the Southern Kingdom) existence. His message is simple -- return to God or perish as a nation. Note Jeremiah's induction into the prophetic ministry in chapter one and his plea for repentance in the second chapter.

Notes:

Pray for:

- 1. My relationship with God.
- 2. *My life roles*
- 3. My personal needs/weak areas
- 4. Goals and objectives

Tuesday, February 14: Read *Jeremiah 3-4*

God compares Israel's situation to unfaithfulness in marriage. Repeatedly, he calls to them to return to him. Then, in chapter four, he spells out the consequences of their rebellion -- anguish and suffering at the hands of a northern invader.

Notes:

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday February 15: Read *Jeremiah 5-6*

Jeremiah writes to a totally corrupt culture. All of Israel has gone astray. They are depicted as senseless, stubborn and rebellious. God will bring their sinfulness to an end. Chapter 6 paints the sad and scary picture of the future seige of Jerusalem by the Babylonians (*See 2 Kings 25*)

Notes:

Wednesday Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church (Consider fasting one, two, or all meals this day.)

- a. Pastors: Pray for God's grace and guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for Linda Penn as she transitions into her new position at BGCC.
- b. Worship: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.
- c. Fellowship: Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers.
- d. Discipleship: ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries here at BGCC.
- e. Outreach: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ.
- f. Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future Pray for God's clear leading in 2017 and beyond.

Thursday, February 16: Read <u>Jeremiah 7-8</u>

The prophet warns of the danger of false religions and their total ineptness to save in the face of disaster. The sin of idolatry ultimately weakens the nation and makes it vulnerable to attack and destruction. Could that be true of America in our day and age?

Notes:

Pray for "My World"

- Neighbors People at Work Others God brings into my life.
- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County.
 Pray for the area churches and the upcoming Bold Faith Initiative during the month of May.
- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.