## Friday, February 24: Read *Jeremiah 32-33*.

God illustrates his will for the future with Jeremiah's deed for a piece of land (verses 42-43). Chapter 33 reclarifies God's plan and encourages the people to hang on to hope. He will bring about a better future just as he promised. We believe the same thing today (2 Corinthians 1:20-22).

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), 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:**

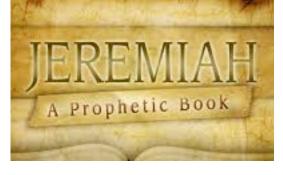
### Pray this weekend:

- •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 20: Read Jeremiah 11-12

Jeremiah's message continues to pound the nation and they become defensive and even aggressive. God had warned Jeremiah earlier that he would need strength and courage to stand up against wickedness (*Jeremiah 1:17-19*). In chapter 12, Jeremiah is questioning whether his efforts are making a difference. Ever feel that way?

Notes:

#### Pray for:

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

# Tuesday, February 21: Read Jeremiah 19-20.

Skip ahead to two chapters that again illustrate how Jeremiah's message falls on deaf ears. He is persecuted and turns to the Lord for consolation. Things will get worse for Jeremiah (*Jeremiah 38:1-13*). And in his 40 years of preaching, he will see no converts. Even so, God uses him as a "last voice" to Judah before exile.

Notes:

## Pray for family and friends by name.

# Wednesday February 22: Read *Jeremiah 23-25*.

Chapter 23 holds a word of hope -- the Messiah will one day come to reign over a renewed nation. Jeremiah alludes to the remnant who will be protected by God through tragedy and eventually restored to the land. The time set for their exile in chapter 25 is seventy years. It's miraculous that God would put a number on their time away in Babylon!

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 23: Read Jeremiah 29-31.

Read carefully the following chapters. They contain some powerful encouragement to us today, and especially as it relates to God's compassion for the suffering. Chapter 31 also refers to a future covenant that God would make with Israel -- one that would be fulfilled when Messiah comes. Are we under this new covenant today? What does it require of us?

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.