Friday, March 3: Read Jeremiah 52.

The last chapter of Jeremiah records the logistics of what happened to Jerusalem, the temple, the last kings and the captives. So ends Jeremiah's 40 year tenure, as the last prophet standing in the southern kingdom Judah.

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

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- 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 27: Read *Jeremiah 39-40*

Jeremiah tells the tragic and sad tale of the fall of Jerusalem. King Zedekiah suffers dramatically because of his blatant rejection of God while Jeremiah is protected by God. No doubt this is a stormy and violent period of Biblical history.

Notes:

Pray for:

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

Tuesday, February 28: Read *Jeremiah 42-43*.

As Jerusalem falls, the people look to Jeremiah for direction from God. Already, God is beginning to set apart a faithful remnant of his people -- people who will have hope for a future life back in Israel. The key factor that defines God's people continues to be their obedience.

Notes:

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday March 1: Read Jeremiah 44.

As we have consistently seen since Joshua's day, idolatry continues to be the stumbling block of Israel. This is true up until they are exiled to Babylon in 585 BC. After that, up into the New Testament times, idolatry is no longer an issue for Israel. The exile purges the nation of false gods and religions.

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, March 2: Read <u>Jeremiah 50-51</u>.

At the end of his book, Jeremiah includes prophecies for the nations surrounding Israel. Read carefully this prophecy against Babylon. They are doomed for destruction -- never again to be a nation. Interestingly enough, one modern man recently sought to rebuild Babylon. His name was Saddam Hussein!

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.