

**Fail**



what to do when  
things go wrong

## In The Pit

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water in the cistern, only mud, and  
Jeremiah began to sink into the mud.  
- Jeremiah 38:6

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LORD, you enticed me, and I  
was taken in.  
You were too strong for me,  
and you prevailed.  
Now I'm laughed at all the  
time; everyone mocks me.  
-Jeremiah 20:7

# Grab Gather Grow

## Week of Sunday, April 22, 2018

Grab this study, gather a few people,  
and grow in faith

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### SCRIPTURE

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(read over the scripture together)  
(see side panels)

### OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we know you have promised to be with us, both in our times of joy and in our times of deepest sorrow and despair. As we explore your word today, give us eyes to see and ears to hear the insights we can gain as together we seek to discern your will for our lives. Amen.

### DISCUSSION (one or two or ...)

Discuss the following statement ...

Sometimes life sucks. It is unfair.

It makes no sense, and God seems far away.

But anger toward God isn't a lack of faith; it's actually a sign that we still believe, that we trust that God is good.

That's why we're so angry!

Read together Jeremiah 38:6 (see side panel) and then discuss times in your life that you felt thrown into the pit.

Read together Jeremiah 20: 7 & 13 (see side panel) How in your life do you "lament?"

How do you not only share your raw emotions and anger but also keep holding onto hope?

## SERVE

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Sing to the LORD,  
praise the LORD,  
for the Lord has  
rescued the needy  
from the clutches of  
evildoers.

- Jeremiah 20:13

As we approach a 5th Sunday, April 29th, this coming Sunday, call the church office and sign up to join one of our service teams that afternoon. Mark your calendar, worship with us at 10am, potluck at 11 and then that afternoon join a service team. We will gather again at 6pm at what we are calling a Service Celebration.

Our Change for Change this week is Native American Ministry Sunday. We will be giving our change or special gifts to *The Spirit Lake Ministry Center in North Dakota*. Our Youth a few summers ago visited the Spirit Lake Ministry Center. One of their biggest ministries are Christmas Shoe Boxes. Could your *Gathering* put together a Shoe Box Christmas. It takes a shoe box, fill it with Christmas gifts, wrap it but in such a way it can be opened and mark the outside if its for a boy or a girl and what age. Bring them to BUMC when complete.

### Extra Scripture Reading this week...

Lamentations: Chapter 3 & Jeremiah: Chapters 25-38



**FAITH**  
share read talk pray bless



### AT HOME THIS WEEK

Share your High and Low of the day; read the daily scripture; talk about it; pray about each others highs and lows, and at the end of the day, bless each other with the blessing below or one of your own.

SUNDAY: Jeremiah 38:6

MONDAY: Jeremiah 20:7

TUESDAY: Jeremiah 20:13

WEDNESDAY: Jeremiah 18:12

THURSDAY: Jeremiah 38:7-13

FRIDAY: Jeremiah 32:26-27

SATURDAY: Jeremiah 42:2-4

BLESSING: "May you sing to the Lord with every breath you breathe."