

Fail



what to do when
things go wrong

Finding Hope

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Jeremiah 32:14-15

**"The LORD of heavenly
forces, the God of Israel,
proclaims: Take these**

**documents—this sealed deed of
purchase along with the unsealed
one—and put them into a clay
container so they will last a long time.**

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**The LORD of heavenly
forces, the God of
Israel, proclaims:**

**Houses, fields, and vineyards
will again be bought in this
land."**

Grab Gather Grow

Week of Sunday, May 6, 2018

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

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SCRIPTURE

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

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, we give thanks that in our darkest times, you are there. Guide us as we seek to discern the possibilities and opportunities that may be presenting themselves, even in the midst of the setbacks and disappointments we all experience. Amen.

DISCUSSION (one or two or ...)

Discuss the following statement
"When we are at our wits' end, we doubt God the most and need God the most. And it's when God is able to do some of God's best work." - Matt Miofsky

Read together Jeremiah 32:14-15 and 36-38 again. What do you think is Jeremiah's source of hope?

During low points, what spiritual practices and tools of the faith might help you discern possibilities that you might otherwise miss?

How might I and others in the faith community invest in hope on behalf of another person? What words and actions might be helpful? What platitudes or inactions might serve to be detrimental?

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Jeremiah 32:36-38

You have been saying, "This city will be handed over to the king of Babylon through sword, famine, and disease." But this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I will gather them from all the countries where I have scattered them in my fierce anger and rage. I will bring them back to this place to live securely.

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They will be my people, and I will be their God.

SERVE

Our Change for Change this week is for the Conference Love Offering. Each year at the Minnesota Annual Conference each church brings a special love offering for Conference wide mission projects. This year the Love Offering will give 65% to **Puerto Rico Hurricane Recovery Trips** in response to Hurricanes Irma and Maria; 25% to **Park Avenue UMC Freedom School**, a 6-week summer day camp experience for children in the heart of Minneapolis; and 15% to **Numas Haus** which provides emergency shelter and support services to homeless single women and their children in New Ulm area.

Who in our community do you think has lost hope? After discussing who you think has lost hope discuss some ways you could bring hope to the group. Put your plan into action.

At the end of the month is Memorial Day. Could your **Gathering** attend a Memorial Day Service on May 28th? If you can consider a service project, volunteer to help clean up the Cemetery of which you will be attending a Memorial Day Service.

Extra Scripture Reading for May...

We will be reading together *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton. Pick up a copy at BUMC and in May read through it with your Bible alongside. In June and July we will walk through it again by sections.



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 32:14-15

MONDAY: Jeremiah 32:17-25

TUESDAY: Jeremiah 32:36-38

WEDNESDAY: Jeremiah 32:26-27

THURSDAY: Jeremiah 38:2-13

FRIDAY: Jeremiah 32:26-27

SATURDAY: Jeremiah 29:4-7; 11-13

BLESSING: "Don't be afraid, because I'm with you declares the Lord"