

Argyle LifeGroup Discussion  
A Study in Jeremiah: Standing Tall, Part 4

Pray

1. If someone is faithful, obedient and has faith in God, should they be guaranteed wealth, health and success in this life? Where do you think that idea comes from?

2. Read Jeremiah 18:18.  
Why do you think these people were so intent on silencing Jeremiah?

3. Read Jeremiah 18:22-23  
How do you feel personally about Jeremiah's response to these people?

4. Read Matthew 5:43-44 and Romans 12:14, 19-21  
How do you feel about Jeremiah's response in relation to these teachings from the Bible?

5. Read Jeremiah 19:11  
With great courage, Jeremiah delivers God's message to the leaders and then finishes his message with a powerful object lesson.  
When the clay becomes hard, it cannot be remolded.  
When our heart becomes hard, it cannot be remolded.  
When something is shattered, it cannot be put back together again.  
The opportunity to make things right with God will not always be available.  
How does that truth affect you and those that you know who still need Christ?

6. Read Jeremiah 20:1-2  
Standing Tall comes with a price.  
Jeremiah faithfully delivered God's message, but it cost him something. Discuss.

7. Read Jeremiah 20:7-8  
Can you remember a time when you became frustrated with God and blamed Him?

8. Contrast Jeremiah 20:13 with Jeremiah 20:14.  
I believe God wants us to hear the pain in Jeremiah's voice.  
I believe this is in the Bible to confirm that there are highs and there are lows following God. Living for God is not always on the mountaintop.

Four helps to fight depression

1. Connect with other Christians, Hebrews 10:24-25
  2. Take care of yourself physically: exercise, eat healthy, rest
  3. Be thankful, 1 Thessalonians 5:18
  4. Pray, Psalm 34:17-18
- It's OK to admit that you're not OK. The road to healing begins with confession.  
It's always too soon to quit. Sow in tears and reap in joy.