

## Thursday, April 30

Jeremiah 31:7-14. As shared in the message, Jeremiah prophesied the Babylonian Exile and live to see the beginning of that exile. After the fall of Jerusalem, Jeremiah was allowed to stay there but was ultimately exiled, along with a group of Jews, to Egypt. If you read the first couple of verses of this passage from our scripture for Sunday, you gain a sense of joy that God will restore Israel through a faithful remnant.

That restoration happened because of the faithfulness of that remnant. That remnant was exiled but they remained faithful and trusted in God's ultimate love and grace. They trusted that even though life is very difficult, that God would bring them through that difficulty. Have you had a challenging time in your life through which you prayed to and trusted God to bring you through that difficulty? In what other ways have you trusted in God's goodness and trusted in God's blessing? Write your reflections here.

## Friday, May 1

This portion of our Adult Confirmation 101 is about our Creator God. While we've spent a lot of effort in describing God and our understanding of God, our faith is really about knowing God. There is a distinct difference between knowing about God and knowing God. Our faith is about developing a relationship with God.

How would you describe your relationship with God? How is that relationship working for you? Take time today to contemplate these concepts and question. Think of words that would describe your relationship with God. Pray for intimacy with our Creator who desires to be know to us and write your thoughts here.

## Message Notes April 26, 2026

### *Adult Confirmation 101: God\**

- I. We need a working knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ to fully study that nature of our loving \_\_\_\_\_, our \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus the Christ, the presence of the Holy Spirit and the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Let's share some of our thoughts: Single words that describe \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. That exchange, of course, illustrates the holy \_\_\_\_\_ which is our God.
- II. Jeremiah is not known as the most \_\_\_\_\_ of the prophets and in fact, Jeremiah is known as the "\_\_\_\_\_ prophet."
  - A. Jeremiah's time on earth was during some of the most \_\_\_\_\_ times in the history of Israel.
    1. He was concerned for the idolatrous practices and \_\_\_\_\_ covenants of God's people.
    2. He prophesied that there would be a \_\_\_\_\_-year exile.
    3. That prophecy became \_\_\_\_\_ within Jeremiah's lifetime.
  - B. Jeremiah was also sure that God's people would survive and \_\_\_\_\_.
    1. The portion of scripture that we read for today is known as Jeremiah's "Book of \_\_\_\_\_."
    2. The entire audacious notion of an involved, \_\_\_\_\_ deity should cause us to examine each page of Scripture with our eyes

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\*Jeremiah 31:7-14

open in amazement and appreciation that God is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. God is consistent in God's \_\_\_\_\_, that in fact, the very essence of God is \_\_\_\_\_ (I John 4:8).

- III. Each of us can develop an relationship with God \_\_\_\_\_ enough to say, "That's so God!"
- A. Our scriptures are a history of recognizing the mysterious and \_\_\_\_\_ ways in which God works in \_\_\_\_\_ history.
- B. Share a moment in your life when you were \_\_\_\_\_ God was with you and all you could say is "That's so God."
- IV. To return to the story of the incoming class of seminarians, I was the guy who shouted out the word "\_\_\_\_\_!"
- A. I couldn't tolerate the thought of not \_\_\_\_\_ God!
- B. When Jeremiah talked of "\_\_\_\_\_" in our scripture for today, he was conveying to us that we do not have a \_\_\_\_\_ and tightfisted God.
- C. One thing I am absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ of is that our God wants to be \_\_\_\_\_ to us.
- D. All we can say is what? "That's so \_\_\_\_\_!"

## *Daily Devotional Guide*

The following is a daily devotional and study guide meant to enhance your understanding of the message and grow as a Christian.

It is offered for your personal reflection or to share with others.

### **Monday, April 27**

Part of the introduction to this week's message was sharing singular words to describe God. Pastor Jack shared many words and others contributed to this part of the message. What words were most meaningful to you? Do you have your own word or words to describe God? Which of these words are most

meaningful to you? Which help you understand God better? Pray for God's wisdom as you write your reflections here.

### **Tuesday, April 28**

Yesterday we focused on one-word descriptions of God. Today, let's expand those words into full, complete sentences. This is the beginning of expressing your relationship with God. To help with this exercise, finish these sentences: 1) God is ... 2) What God means to me is... 3) I appreciate God because... 4) What I believe about God is... Finishing these sentences will help you articulate your faith in meaningful ways. Prayerfully ask God to give you wisdom and insight into your relationship with God. Write your sentences here.

### **Wednesday, April 29**

Read Jeremiah 31:7-14. We could just focus on all the wonderful attributes about God that are expressed in our Scripture. However, doing so would not contribute to the depth of our human experience which includes blessings and difficulties. Jeremiah knew the righteousness and love of God toward God's people, but he also knew what happens when those same people turn away from God.

It is the same for us. Our lives are not all rainbows, blessings and joy. Life can be very difficult. That is why we began this week with determining the attributes of our loving Creator. Some of those words and sentences even anticipate life's challenges. For example, if we describe God as our comforter then we assume that there are times when we need God's comforting presence. Contemplate these ideas and write your thoughts here.