

Trusting God's in Control Shine in a Dark World – Part 4

Life Church St. Louis – May 16, 2021

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Psalm 135:6 (ESV) Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.

Matthew 28:18 (ESV) And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

John 3:16 (ESV) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

1. We are _____ in the Lord's hand

Jeremiah 18:3-4 (ESV) So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.

Jeremiah 18:5-6 (ESV) Then the word of the LORD came to me: "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the LORD. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

2. Choose to _____ to the Lord's hand

Jeremiah 18:7-8 (ESV) If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it.

Jeremiah 18:9-10 (ESV) And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will relent of the good that I had intended to do to it.

Jeremiah 18:11-12 (ESV) Now, therefore, say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: 'Thus says the LORD, Behold, I am shaping disaster against you and devising a plan against you. Return, every one from his evil way, and amend your ways and your deeds.' "But they say, 'That is in vain! We will follow our own plans, and will every one act according to the stubbornness of his evil heart.'

3. Don't _____ the Lord's hand

Jeremiah 18:13-14 (ESV) "Therefore thus says the LORD: Ask among the nations, Who has heard the like of this? The virgin Israel has done a very horrible thing. Does the snow of Lebanon leave the crags of Sirion? Do the mountain waters run dry, the cold flowing streams?

Jeremiah 18:15 (ESV) But my people have forgotten me; they make offerings to false gods; they made them stumble in their ways, in the ancient roads, and to walk into side roads, not the highway,

Jeremiah 18:17 (ESV) Like the east wind I will scatter them before the enemy. I will show them my back, not my face, in the day of their calamity."

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Jeremiah 18)
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to attend the service next week.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

Trusting God's in Control Study Guide

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Intro. What does it mean that God is sovereign (Psalm 135:6)?

Intro. What implications does Jesus' statement in Matthew 28:18 have for us?

Intro. How does man's free will interact with God's sovereignty in John 3:16?

1A. What does the reworking of a spoiled vessel tell us about the Lord (Jeremiah 18:3-4)?

1B. In what ways was Israel like clay in the potter's hand (Jeremiah 18:5-6)?

1C. In what ways are you like clay in the potter's hand?

1D. How does knowing you are clay in the potter's hand encourage you?

2A. How does Jeremiah 18:7-8 apply to individual people?

2B. How is Jeremiah 18:9-10 a warning to believers?

2C. Why did Israel not listen to the word of the Lord through Jeremiah (Jeremiah 18:11-12)?

2D. In what ways can you submit to the potter's hand in your own life?

3A. Why was Israel's rebellion against the Lord so unbelievable (Jeremiah 18:13-14)?

3B. What were the consequences of Israel turning to false gods (Jeremiah 18:15)?

3C. What is the difference between seeing God's face or His back (Jeremiah 18:17)?

3D. Why is it so dangerous to resist God's hand? How can you avoid that?