

SERMON NOTES
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LEARNING HOPE
Jeremiah 29:10-11; 31:31-34

Jeremiah 29:10-11(NIV)

¹⁰ This is what the Lord says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

- His call
1:4-5

2 Corinthians 2:16

"To pluck up and to break down,
To destroy and to overthrow,
To build and to plant." (1:10, NASB)

- His conflict
26:6 - "like Shiloh" (read 1 Samuel 4:12)

20:7-18 – inner conflict

- His confidence

Another man – same lesson
Romans 4:18; 5:1-5; 8:24-26

"There is no despair so absolute as that which comes with the first moments of our first great sorrow, when we have not yet known what it is to have suffered and be healed, to have despaired and have recovered hope." –George Eliot

Scripture for today's sermon...

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NIV)

³¹ "The time is coming," declares the Lord,
"when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant
I made with their forefathers
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,"
declares the Lord.

³³ "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel
after that time," declares the Lord.
"I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will a man teach his neighbor,
or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,'
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,"
declares the Lord.
"For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more."