

PASTOR'S CORNER



Jeremiah 32:17 & 25

17 'Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you. 25 Yet you, O Lord God, have said to me, "Buy the field for money and get witnesses"—though the city is given into the hands of the Chaldeans."

GOD'S POWER (OMNIPOTENCE) AND THE IRRATIONAL

This was a crazy deal if ever there was one. From prison, Jeremiah had just paid full price for a parcel of land in Jerusalem with all the legal trappings, and had the title deposited into safekeeping even though the nation of Judah was on the brink of collapse. The Babylonians (Chaldeans) were in the process of sacking the country and taking its inhabitants into exile. What was the point of purchasing land in a doomed city? Well God had instructed him to. It seemed like a waste of money, but to Jeremiah's credit, he obeyed God, and then he asked Him some questions.

God revealed that Jeremiah's purchase of the land was proof of His omnipotence. Though it seemed impossible at the time, God would bring the Israelites

back from exile and cause them to live in their own land again. The exile would last for seventy long years, but at its end, Israel would once again inhabit her land. Jeremiah's investment would not be in vain. Though he himself would not return to reclaim the land (He was eventually carried forcibly to Egypt never to return), his action stood as eloquent testimony to the Lord's power and faithfulness. God would keep His promise of Israel's restoration. Land would be bought and sold in the city again.

When we believe in God's omnipotence, we can obey His explicit commands even when they make absolutely no sense to us. We know that God is able to do what He wills (and promises) so we will walk out in faith with Him. Sometimes

God instructions to us are bigger than our personal wellbeing and advancement. We are being incorporated into His magnificent plans and purpose so that our lives become showcases of His irrepressible power. What higher purpose could we have?

May God help us to so appreciate His omnipotence that we will obey His every command even if it seems risky to us, because God has never lost. And He never will.

God bless you!

Pastor James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All ladies are invited to Ladies' Meeting Saturday Jan 25th at 10:30 am at church.
- Growth Groups begin February 6th & 7th. Sign-up will be open Sunday.
- We receive a Building Fund Offering every 4th Sunday. Be sure to put your contribution in the specially marked envelopes.
- Check out our Spiritual Growth Resource Library to find resources to help you in your Christian development. We add new resources from time to time.
- If you checked out any of the following titles from our Spiritual Resource Library, could you please return them to church or inform Jaime as soon as possible at jaime_dritt@yahoo.com: Habits of Grace, Killing Sin Habits, Resilient Faith, Resolving Everyday Conflicts, You Can Change.
- Help Needed: If you'd be willing to bring refreshments on a Sunday, speak to Becky or Lori.
- Join us on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 3:15pm at the Garden at Stroud as we sing and share the gospel with the residents. Contact Tom for more information.
- Check out The Exchange on our webpage where you can list items you'd like to give away, and/or claim items which are listed.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

JAN 14

Join us via Zoom video

Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP

FRI @ 6:45 PM

JAN 17

In-person at church.

For teens ages 13 and over

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd SUN @ 6 PM

JAN 19

Join us in-person at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

JAN 19

These ministries are available every Sunday during the morning service

Kidzone for ages 6-12 yrs. old.

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUN @ 11 AM

JAN 19

In-person service and Livestreaming on Facebook, Youtube and our webpage.

GROWTH GROUPS BEGIN
THU & FRI @ 7 PM

FEB 6 & FEB 7

In-person at church.

WAYS TO GIVE

Traditionally during the Sunday morning service, with a check by mail or through our secured website.

Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes.

Thank you!