

# LET IT ALL FALL DOWN

BUILDING OUR CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST

*a study in jeremiah*

## #4 “Plowing Through the Hard Stuff”

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**The Kingdom Life BREAKS DOWN EVERYTHING WE USE TO PROTECT AND PROP UP OUR SELF-IMAGE building our Confidence in Christ**

*Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!—harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life. So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit.*

*Galatians 6:7-9a MSG*

### **PLOWING THROUGH our issues**

**Keeps us from PLOWING UNDER our relationships**

#### **I. Jeremiah 4:3a**

<sup>3a</sup> **This is what the LORD says to the people of Judah and to Jerusalem: “Break up your unplowed ground...”**

**Plowing Through means DELVING INTO THE DEEP AND DIFFICULT**

*Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.*

*James 1:2-4 MSG*

## **II. Jeremiah 4:3b**

<sup>3b</sup> ...and do not sow among thorns.

**Plowing Through means DELETING THE DECEITFUL**

### **DISTRACTIONS**

*Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; <sup>19</sup> but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.* Mark 4:18-19

## **III. Jeremiah 4:4a**

<sup>4</sup> Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, circumcise your hearts, you people of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem...

**Plowing Through means DISCARDING THE DEFENSIVE**

### **DISGUISES**

*With that kind of hope to excite us, nothing holds us back. Unlike Moses, we have nothing to hide. Everything is out in the open with us. He wore a veil so the children of Israel wouldn't notice that the glory was fading away—and they didn't notice. They didn't notice it then and they don't notice it now, don't notice that there's nothing left behind that veil....Only Christ can get rid of the veil so they can see for themselves that there's nothing there.*

2 Corinthians 3:12-15 MSG

## **IV. Jeremiah 4:4b**

<sup>4b</sup> ...or my wrath will flare up and burn like fire because of the evil you have done—burn with no one to quench it.

**Plowing Through means DOING AWAY WITH DISTRESS AND**

### **DISSATISFACTION**

*But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. <sup>6</sup> God "will repay each person according to what they have done." <sup>7</sup> To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. <sup>8</sup> But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. <sup>9</sup> There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; <sup>10</sup> but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. <sup>11</sup> For God does not show favoritism.* Romans: 2:5-11