

LET IT ALL FALL DOWN

BUILDING OUR CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST

a study in jeremiah

#6 “Under Siege”

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Gather up your belongings to leave the land, you who live under siege.¹⁸ For this is what the LORD says: “At this time I will hurl out those who live in this land; I will bring distress on them so that they may be captured.” Je 10:17-18

We are Under Siege when GOD DISCIPLINES US WITH DIFFICULTIES TO CAPTURE US FOR CHRIST

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?⁸ If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.
Hebrews 12:7-8

I. Jeremiah 8:4-12

⁹ **The wise will be put to shame; they will be dismayed and trapped. Since they have rejected the word of the LORD, what kind of wisdom do they have?**

Under Siege we BEND TO OUR OWN WISDOM

Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.²⁵ This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength. 1 Corinthians 1:24b-25 NLT

II. Jeremiah 8:13-17

¹⁴ **Why are we sitting here? Gather together! Let us flee to the fortified cities and perish there! For the LORD our God has doomed us to perish and given us poisoned water to drink, because we have sinned against him.**

Under Siege we RELY ON OUR OWN RESOURCES

And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest.¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’¹⁸ Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain.’¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’²¹ This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.” Luke 12:16-21

III. Jeremiah 8:18–9:16

⁹¹ Oh, that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears! I would weep day and night for the slain of my people. ² Oh, that I had in the desert a lodging place for travelers, so that I might leave my people and go away from them; for they are all adulterers, a crowd of unfaithful people.

Under Siege we FORGET GOD IS EMOTIONALLY INVESTED

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.³⁴ “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. ³⁵ Jesus wept.

³⁶ Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him” John 11:32-35

IV. Jeremiah 9:17-9:26

²³ This is what the LORD says: “Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, ²⁴ but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,” declares the LORD.

Under Siege we *should* BUILD OUR CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST

So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. ¹⁰ That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:9b-10 NLT

V. Jeremiah 10:1-25

²³ LORD, I know that people’s lives are not their own; it is not for them to direct their steps. ²⁴ Discipline me, LORD, but only in due measure—not in your anger, or you will reduce me to nothing.

Under Siege we *should* FOLLOW GOD’S DIRECTION

No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it’s painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way. ¹² So take a new grip with your tired hands and strengthen your weak knees. ¹³ Mark out a straight path for your feet so that those who are weak and lame will not fall but become strong. Hebrews 12:11-13 NLT