

Lent 2021- Broken but Loved by God
Week 5- "I'll give you your life..."
Jer. 45
March 21, 2021

- I. Who is Baruch?
 - A. Jeremiah's Scribe
36:4, 32; 45:1
 - B. Jeremiah's Student
36:5-8
 - C. Jeremiah's Friend
36:17-19
- II. A Legitimate Complaint
45:3
 - A. Sorrow upon Grief
v. 3; Ps. 6:6, 69:3
 - B. Hope Deferred
Prov. 13:12, Gen. 22:17-18
 - C. No Rest
Exodus 33:14
- III. A Blunt Response
v. 4-5
 - A. It's God's Prerogative
v. 4; Isaiah 45:9-10; Jonah 4:10; Matt. 20:13-15
 - B. Don't Seek your own Good
v. 5, 29:7; Psalm 131; Matt. 16:25
 - C. Grace in the midst of Mayhem
Gen. 4:14, 7:17, Isaiah 43:1-2; Ps. 46:1-3
- IV. Seeking the Wrong Things
 - A. Confused about our Identity- Servants of our Master
Matt. 10:24; Mark 10:42-45
 - B. Mistaken about the Promise- Rest is Found in Him
Matthew 11:28; John 16:33; Hebrews 11:13
 - C. Wrong about Suffering- Hope born of Suffering
Romans 5:3-5, 8:18-39; Ps. 131

Questions for Further Reflection

1. Kid's Question: Who are your best friends? Have you ever done something hard for your friend?
2. When have you complained to God? What words did you use to express your frustration, disappointment, or anger?
3. Have you ever experienced a "hope deferred"? How did you handle that disappointment?
4. Did you attempt Sabbath rest this past week? Did it feel like a nuisance or a blessing?
5. How do you feel about God essentially saying, "I will do what I will do"?
6. In your life, what ways have you tried to seek your own good, only to see them backfire? Why do you think God instructs Baruch to not seek good for himself?
7. How have you experienced grace in the middle of suffering? Did it seem like grace at the time?
8. Servants and Master seem like such outdated language. Are there words that you would use to paint the same image?
9. In what ways has suffering created hope in your own life?