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Turning to God in the New Normal

Hang on to Hope

Jeremiah 30-31

"The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Write all the words which I have spoken to you in a book. 'For behold, days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will restore the fortunes of My people Israel and Judah.' The LORD says, 'I will also bring them back to the land that I gave to their forefathers and they shall possess it.'" *Jeremiah 30:1-3 (NASB)*

"It shall come about on that day," declares the LORD of hosts, "that I will break his yoke from off their neck and will tear off their bonds; and strangers will no longer make them their slaves. But they shall serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them."
Jeremiah 30:8-9 (NASB)

1. Hang on to God's everlasting love.

"The LORD appeared to him from afar, saying, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have drawn you with lovingkindness." *Jeremiah 31:3 (NASB)*

In spite of Israel's history of rebellion, God still loved his people. The rebellious child is still the father's child.

When we are walking through challenges it is easy to doubt God's love. When you are sick, you wonder, does god love me? When your spouse says "I don't love you anymore" you wonder, does God still love me?

2. Hang on to God promise to rebuild.

"Again I will build you and you will be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel! Again you will take up your tambourines, and go forth to the dances of the merrymakers." *Jeremiah 31:4 (NASB)*

"Again you will plant vineyards On the hills of Samaria; The planters will plant and will enjoy them." *Jeremiah 31:5 (NASB)*

"There is hope for your future," declares the LORD, "And your children will return to their own territory." *Jeremiah 31:17 (NASB)*

"I bought the field which was at Anathoth from Hanamel, my uncle's son, and I weighed out the silver for him, seventeen shekels of silver. "I signed and sealed the deed, and called in witnesses, and weighed out the silver on the scales." *Jeremiah 32:9-10 (NASB)*

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3. Hang on to God's promise to restore your joy.

"Again I will build you and you will be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel! Again you will take up your tambourines, and go forth to the dances of the merrymakers." *Jeremiah 31:4 (NASB)*

"They will come and shout for joy on the height of Zion, and they will be radiant over the bounty of the LORD— Over the grain and the new wine and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; And their life will be like a watered garden, and they will never languish again. Then the virgin will rejoice in the dance, And the young men and the old, together, For I will turn their mourning into joy and will comfort them and give them joy for their sorrow."

Jeremiah 31:12-13 (NASB)

"Restore to me the joy of Your Salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit." *Psalms 51:12 (NASB)*

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one." *John 10:27-30 (NASB)*