

Running with the Horses: Buy a Field

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Jeremiah is in prison, the Babylonians are invading Jerusalem, and all hope seems lost. This is the setting of Jeremiah 32:1-15. Even then, Jeremiah does something unexpected: he buys a field in the land occupied by the enemy. This prophetic act of hope declares God's presence in the midst of chaos, and His promises for the future. That's the same hope that God wants to speak into our lives today.

Getting Started

We know there are probably plenty of stories of hopelessness that are hard and heavy, but let's start off with something a little lighter 😊 What's a funny story you can look back on and laugh at when all hope seemed lost? (Ex: Explosive diaper stories, change in flights, embarrassing moments, etc.)

Read

Jeremiah 32:1-15

Digging Deeper

1. Have you ever felt like God asked you to do something that didn't make sense?
2. Where do you need God to speak hope into your life?
3. How aware are you of the essential reality of God's presence and promises?
 - Visible reality- what's going on around you
 - Essential reality- what God is ultimately doing around you and within you
4. How can you "declare reality" (like Christine Caine said, declaring the reality of God's presence and promises when things are hard, rather than denying it) in your situation or in someone else's life that needs that reminder? Consider ways you can do that for each other in your small group.



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