

# THE BEAUTIFUL NEXT



## Part 1: Is This As Good As It Gets?

Jeremiah 29:17

17Yes this is what the Lord Almighty says: "I will send the sword, famine, and plague against them, and I will make them like figs that are so bad they can't be eaten."

Jeremiah 29:8-11

8Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. 9They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them," declares the Lord. 10This is what the Lord says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. 11For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



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### Discussion Questions:

1. When you're alone with your thoughts and you're looking into the future, how do you interpret what "next" will look like?
2. Pastor Jamie shares that God can make multiple transitions succeed simultaneously without one failing for another to prosper. Where in your life do you need to believe God can accomplish more than one good thing at the same time?
3. How does the lie that 'this is as good as it gets' manifest in your life, and what would it look like to reject that lie in favor of God's promise of a beautiful next?
4. The message mentions that every pastor is an interim pastor and that we all face a 'next' in our lives. How does recognizing the temporary nature of our current season help us prepare for transitions with faith rather than fear?
5. What would it mean for you personally to become a 'merchandiser of hope' who offers others what you have experienced of God's faithfulness?

### Ministry Time:

Pastor Jamie invites us to embrace the hope of God's promise to make the future better than the present. Pray for anyone who is facing transition or uncertainty. Ask God to help them see it as "the beautiful next".

Many people believe the lie: "This is as good as it gets." As a group, pray for encouragement for each person to become a "merchandiser of hope" to others.