

THE BEAUTIFUL NEXT



Part 6: Getting Back On Track.

Jeremiah 24:3-7

3Then the Lord asked me, "What do you see, Jeremiah?"

"Figs," I answered. "The good ones are very good, but the bad ones are so bad they cannot be eaten."

4Then the word of the Lord came to me: 5"This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Like these good figs, I regard as good the exiles from Judah, whom I sent away from this place to the land of the Babylonians. 6My eyes will watch over them for their good, and I will bring them back to this land. I will build them up and not tear them down; I will plant them and not uproot them. 7I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.

Jeremiah 31:20

20Is not Ephraim my dear son,
the child in whom I delight?

Though I often speak against him,
I still remember him.

Therefore my heart yearns for him;
I have great compassion for him,"
declares the Lord.

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Message notes:

How do we get _____ to where we're supposed to be?

They are good, ripe fruit. They failed, they've blown it, but that's the way that God _____ them.

When you feel like "I have done everything possible to blow up the beautiful next," God looks at you and says, "There's still some _____ fruit in there."

What you have to know in that moment is that God is waiting right there because He sees _____ for your future than you ever could.

He knows that the best way into the beautiful next, the only way into the beautiful next, is that you become _____ on Him.

You need to get back on track, back on course. It starts with getting back in right _____ with Him.

I'm allowing him to be the GPS that gives me the guidance. And better than that, I'm allowing him to be the _____ who leads and drives.

He loves you, He waits for you, He yearns for you, and He has _____ on you.

Additional notes:

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Discussion Questions:

1. Think about a time when you experienced getting 'off track' in your spiritual journey. What did it take for you to recognize you were heading in the wrong direction?
2. Pastor Jasen reminds us that getting back on track requires turning around. We must stop going the wrong direction and return to God with all our hearts. What might be holding you back from that full surrender?
3. How does it challenge your self-perception to hear that God sees you as 'good fruit' even in seasons of failure?
4. The message emphasizes that even when we've blown it, God is waiting just one step behind us, ready to welcome us back. How does the image of God being only 'one step behind you' no matter how far you've wandered change your understanding of His pursuit of relationship with you?
5. What is the difference between experiencing consequences for going off track and believing that God has given up on your future?

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To create a space for deeper sharing, we're going to split into men's and women's groups for Ministry Time.

Women's Ministry Time:

Pray for anyone feeling stuck in the shame of 'not being enough' or the weight of past failures. Ask the Holy Spirit to remind her that no matter how far she's walked in the wrong direction, God is only one step behind her with a fresh perspective and a hope that isn't tied to her performance.

Pray for the courage to see herself as He sees her—fully loved and worthy—and to surrender the need for control so she can be led into His best for her future.

Men's Ministry Time:

Pray for any man feeling stuck in the cycle of failure or the shame of a 'wrong turn' in his life. Ask the Holy Spirit to remind him that God is only one step behind him, offering a new perspective that isn't based on his own strength or track record.

Pray for the courage to honestly see where he's gotten off track, to see his identity through God's eyes rather than his own achievements, and to surrender his lead so that God can guide him into a future of true purpose.