God Family Country

GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

A New Season

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Highlighted Scripture

- **Jeremiah 29:11 (WEB)**

  "thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope and a future."

  God gave this promise to His people in exile, who still faced a long wait before returning home. Their difficult present did not cancel His faithfulness. Tony's changing-leaf illustration invites us to trust God through transition. This verse offers hope in God's purposes, not a guarantee of immediate relief, financial success, or a particular timetable.

- **2 Corinthians 1:20 (WEB)**

  "For however many are the promises of God, in him is the "Yes." Therefore also through him is the "Amen", to the glory of God through us."

  Paul points to Jesus Christ as the fulfillment and confirmation of God's promises. Our confidence rests in Christ, even when circumstances remain unsettled. Trusting His promises means receiving what God has actually promised and entrusting our personal hopes to Him.

Discussion Questions

- What part of Tony's leaf illustration describes your present season: change, loss, waiting, or new growth? What makes that season difficult to accept?
- Have you ever felt that your useful years or opportunities were behind you? How could serving Christ look different in your current circumstances?
- What is the difference between patiently trusting God and simply withdrawing from responsibilities? Where do you need to practice faithful action while you wait?
- Jeremiah's first readers faced a long period of waiting. How does that setting shape the way you understand hope and a future?
- Tony describes renewed desires to honor God, serve Him, and share the gospel. Which of those desires could you nurture this week, even before circumstances change?

Reflection Challenge

During the next seven days, name one change you are struggling to accept. Bring it honestly to God each day, then take one small step of faithfulness that is possible in your present season.

Ask yourself:

- What am I grieving, and have I allowed myself to speak honestly with God about it?
- Am I measuring my value only by what I used to do or how much I can accomplish?
- What habit, attitude, or expectation may be hindering my love for God and others?
- Which hope am I holding as a personal desire, and which promise has God actually given?

Try this:

- Write two short lists: what is changing and how God has shown His faithfulness. Keep both in view when you pray.
- Read the highlighted passages in their surrounding chapters. Notice who is being addressed and where the hope is placed.
- Choose one attainable act of service: encourage someone, offer practical help, or share why you trust Jesus.
- Tell a trusted Christian friend where you feel depleted. Ask for prayer and one practical way to support each other this week.

Remember

- A changing season does not place you beyond God's care.
- You can acknowledge loss and still place your hope in Christ.
- Waiting on God includes prayer, attention to His Word, and faithful action.
- Spiritual growth may appear as deeper love and patient service before circumstances improve.
- God's promises are fulfilled in Christ; personal expectations must be entrusted to Him.
- There is a meaningful way to honor Jesus in the season you are in today.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

You know what is changing in my life and what I am afraid to lose. Help me bring my weariness and grief to You without hiding them. Teach me to trust Your faithfulness when I cannot see what comes next.

Show me what needs to change in my heart. Renew my desire to honor You, serve others, and share the good news of Jesus. Keep my hope rooted in Christ, and give me patience to follow You one faithful step at a time.

In Jesus' name, Amen.