



# House of New Beginnings

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## **Remember, Repent and Return (Jer. 44)**

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### **Devotion and Discussion Questions**

**Key Texts:** Jeremiah 44

#### **1. Remember What God Has Done**

Jeremiah 44 begins with the Lord addressing the Jews who fled to Egypt in direct opposition to His instructions. He reminds them of the ruin and desolation of Judah—a result of their persistent idolatry. God is saying, “You’ve seen it! You lived through it! How can you not remember why it happened?”

This is a call to reflection. It’s easy for us to forget the consequences of sin when time passes or when we get comfortable. But God calls us to remember His faithfulness, His warnings, and His discipline. Like the people in Egypt, we’re prone to rewriting history to suit our desires, but forgetting God’s works always leads to spiritual amnesia and rebellion.

#### **2. Repent of Self-Deception**

The people’s response to Jeremiah is heart-wrenching. They outright refuse to listen, insisting that life was better when they served false gods. “We had plenty of food and no calamity,” they say. They deceive themselves into believing that their rebellion brought blessing. This is the danger of sin: it twists our thinking.

Repentance requires humility—admitting that our way leads to ruin, not life. Jeremiah calls them to stop walking in their self-made delusions and turn back to God. How often do we justify our disobedience, convincing ourselves that our plans are better than God’s? Repentance starts with tearing down these lies and aligning our hearts with God’s truth.

#### **3. Return to Trusting God**

God’s call to the remnant in Egypt was clear: “Go back to Judah. Do not fear the king of Babylon. I will protect you.” Yet they chose to trust their own plans, running to Egypt for safety instead of obeying God. Their refusal to return meant they faced destruction in Egypt—the very thing they thought they had escaped.

Obedience is not always easy or intuitive, but it leads to life and restoration. Trusting God means surrendering our fears, our pride, and our plans, even when His way feels uncomfortable. The people in Jeremiah 44 had a choice: cling to their own way or follow God's. We face the same choice daily.

**Conclusion:**

Today, God is asking us the same questions He asked the people in Egypt: "Why are you doing this? Have you forgotten what I've done? Will you trust Me?" Are you running to "Egypt"—a place of false security and disobedience? Or are you willing to return to where God has called you? Maybe you're holding onto a plan that feels safe but isn't God's will. Today is the day to let it go. God's arms are open, ready to restore you, but He won't force you. Will you trust His word over your own understanding? Let this be the moment where you choose His way, not yours.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Why do you think the people of Judah in Egypt found it so hard to trust God's promises?
2. What are some ways we rewrite history to justify our disobedience?
3. How can we better remember God's faithfulness in our daily lives?
4. What does it look like to trust God when His way doesn't align with our plans?
5. How does repentance change our perspective and lead us back to God's will?

**Closing Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, You are patient, merciful, and faithful. Thank You for Your constant pursuit of us, even when we wander. Lord, search our hearts and show us where we've chosen our own way over Yours. Help us to remember Your faithfulness and turn from the lies we tell ourselves. Give us courage to trust You completely, even when it's hard. Today, we surrender our fears, our pride, and our plans to You. Lead us back to the place You've called us to, and restore us in Your love. May we walk in obedience so it will go well with us.

*B'Shem Yeshua*, In the mighty name of Yeshua, our Messiah, we pray. Amen.