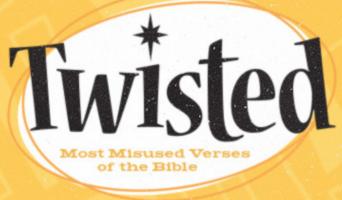


Part 3

"For 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. Jeremiah 29:11



This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Jeremiah 29:1

- Prophet Jeremiah is writing to the Jewish exiles in Babylon
- Jewish people massively and blatantly rebelled against God
- Neglected, ignored, disobeyed—turned to other gods.
- Because of your disobedience—under rule of Bab for 70 years

Two Types of Biblical Promises

- **1. SPECIFIC Promises**
- **2. GENERAL Promises**

BIBLE?



Exegesis:Literally means "to lead out of." The interpreter is led to conclusions by following the text.

Eisegesis: Literally means "to lead into," The interpreter injects his own ideas into the text, making it mean whatever he wants.

An Inconvenient Truth of a Committed Life

If you follow Jesus be prepared for Hardships.

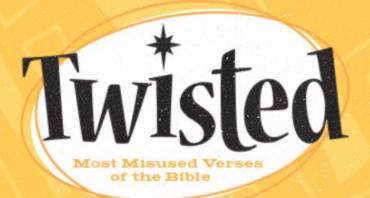
"In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted". 2 Timothy 3:12

Most People Want A God Experience That Gives

-Joy without pain -Holiness without trials. -Prosperity without suffering.

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him. Philippians 1:29

Fake Good News vs. Real Good News.



Good news: Not that God will save us from our TRIALS but that He will Save us from our SINS.

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD. Jeremiah 29:11-14

Start Thinking:

- How has your perspective of God been impacted by this message?
- Why do you think we like to read Jeremiah 29:11 without context?
- Pastor Tim talked about the danger of "false good news." Have you ever clung to the wrong version of the Gospel. What happened?
- What plans do you have for God that you need to swap with His plans for you?

Start praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.

• God, I've gotten too good at putting my words in Your mouth. Forgive me for putting my plans ahead of Yours. Will You instead put Your words in my heart? Will You reveal Yourself to me this week as I seek out and live out Your good news for the world?

Start doing. Commit to a step, and live it out this week.

• Pray daily for God to reveal Himself to you and one other person you choose to pray for.

• Reach out to someone who's been let down by false good news and allow God to use you to love them with His love.