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JEREMIAH 1:4-10

YOUR BRIGHT FUTURE IS GUARANTEED!

Jeremiah was one of God's greatest prophets. When he was very young, God came and told him personally that God had chosen him for a special work. Wow! Jeremiah must have been very startled and nervous. He told God that he would not be able to do anything special as he was still very young.

God affirmed him that He had chosen him for that job even before he was born. God also assured him that He would not leave him alone. God promised to be with Jeremiah. He would give him courage and tell him what to say.

God's promise to Jeremiah is also for you and me. Such a beautiful promise. Did you know that even before we were born, God had chosen each of us to do a special task? God has a special plan for each of us.

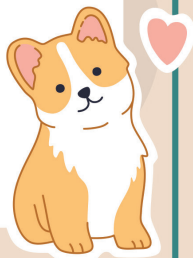
Right now, we do not know what we will be when we grow up. But one thing for sure, we know we can trust in Him because He has prepared a bright and special future for us.

Key verse:

*Jeremiah 1:5a
Before I made
you in your
mother's womb,
I knew you.*

Prayer

*Dear God, please
help me to
know and follow
Your plans and
to lean on You
for wisdom. My
future is secured
in You. Amen.*





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JEREMIAH 2:1-7

A MOMENT TO REMEMBER

This is part of the first message from God to Judah through the Prophet Jeremiah. It highlighted how Judah had begun to drift away from Him. God reminded them that at first, they were so faithful to God but after facing some challenges, they started to blame God and turn to other gods.

Are you getting bored with the piano or baseball lesson that you once used to love? Try to remember the first time you fell in love with piano and how excited you were when you found out that your parents enrolled you for the lesson. Or, try to reminisce the first time you hit the ball and did a homerun on a baseball lesson!

Sometimes, due to our busy life, we forget about God. God is always ready for us whenever we turn back to Him. God forgives us immediately when we ask for His forgiveness. God never ever changes. His love for us stays the same forever. Try to always remember God in every situation in our life.

Key verse:

*Ecclesiastes 12:1
Remember your Creator while you are young. Your old age is coming when you will have many troubles. When that time comes, you won't have much to enjoy.*

Prayer

*Dear God,
thank You for the reminder.
Thank You for always pulling me back to Your embrace although sometimes I forget about You.
I seek Your forgiveness.
Amen.*





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JEREMIAH 3:22-25

COMING BACK TO GOD

God constantly invited the Israelites to return to Him and to repent from their sinful actions. Each time they backslid, again and again God called them and promised to give them a restoration and a hopeful future.

Backsliding means moving away from Jesus after accepting Him. For example, someone accepted Christ and for some time he was active in church, doing his devotion daily and regularly praying. But over the course of time, he didn't do those things anymore and he started doing things that God dislikes such as, bullying his classmates, cursing, skipping class, lying to parents, stealing, etc.

Backsliding makes you do things that God dislikes. When this happens to you, remember that God wants you to come back to Him. When He sees you coming back to Him with a repentant heart, He will welcome you with outstretched arms and wrap you with forgiving arms.

Key verse:

*Jeremiah 3:22b
"Come back,
and I will forgive
you for being
unfaithful." "Yes,
we will come to
You. You are the
Lord our God."*

Prayer

*Dear God, please
help me to stay
in Your path.
May I keep my
relationship with
You as a priority
in my life. Amen.*





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JEREMIAH 6:16-20

THE GOOD WAYS

When crossing the road, we have to obey the traffic light. This is a safe way to cross the road. We can cross the road peacefully, knowing that all the vehicles will stop while we are crossing.

However, there are people who choose to jaywalk. They choose to find the shorter and faster way but unsafe. This is dangerous. People who do this know that what they are doing is dangerous and they won't feel peace in their heart while doing it.

It is the same with the path of life that we choose. God calls us to stop and consider the path of life that we are journeying along right now. God encourages us to open our eyes and see if the path we are walking now is the right way or the wrong one.

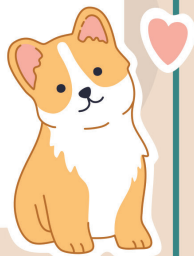
We must be willing and ready to do what God wants us to do. God has promised us that as long as we walk in the right path, there will be rest and peace for our soul.

Key verse:

*Jeremiah 6:16
Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.*

Prayer

Dear God, I want to obey You and to always walk in the ways of Your righteousness. May Your peace stay in my heart. Amen.





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JEREMIAH 7:21-28

PARTIAL OBEDIENCE

Joel's dad bought a new Lego City set for him. He was so happy that he started to assemble and build it by following the instruction book. However, he had so many difficulties on page 4 and he decided to skip it. So, he went to page 5 without doing page 4. Do you think the Lego City will be built properly? I bet there will be some missing parts and it might collapse any time.

Through Jeremiah, God said that He wanted the Israelites to obey Him instead of just giving Him their burnt offerings. Although they gave their burnt offerings and sacrifices, they did not obey the rest of God's commands. God would not accept their offerings, because to obey is better than the sacrifice itself. They only obeyed God partially. God wanted their full obedience, not just partial.

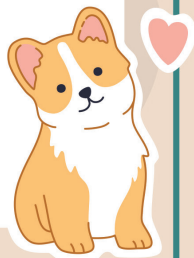
When God speaks to us and shows us through His Word the way to live and what He wants us to be and do, we must not compromise. We must obey God wholeheartedly.

Key verse:

*Psalm 119:34
Give me
understanding
that I may obey
Your law, and
follow it with all
my heart.*

Prayer

*Dear God, I
want to trust
and obey You
wholeheartedly.
Forgive me
for my partial
obedience. Help
me, God. Amen.*





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JEREMIAH 8:4-7

LIFE INSPIRATION AND LIFE REMINDER

We live in a society. We can see what others do. We even can see or read about others easily via social media or the news. For example, we can read on the news that there was a group of youths who helped out in a voluntary work for an old folk home. This act of kindness is so inspiring and definitely something that we can actually follow.

Beside an inspirational story, we might also read about a heartbreaking story. For example, a car accident happened. Many people who witnessed it were busy taking photos and videos instead of calling for an ambulance. This kind of story can be a life reminder for us about what we should or should not do.

We have to be wise. We can learn and be inspired by some other people's life stories. On the other hand, some other stories should be a life reminder for us, so that we won't make the same mistake in the future.

Key verse:

Ephesians 5:15
So be very careful how you live. Do not live like those who are not wise. Live wisely.

Prayer

Dear God, guide me and lead me with wisdom on how to carry a meaningful life. Let my life be an inspiration to others. Amen.





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JEREMIAH 10:6-10

THE ETERNAL KING

People are still worshipping other things besides the true and the living God today. Ever since thousands of years ago, false gods and idols have already existed. They are made out of wood, stone or metal. Sometimes, they are even covered with handmade clothes, silver or gold. No matter how beautiful they look, they can't breathe, move, create or help anyone. They are still the product of men's workmanship and perishable.

God has power because He is powerful. He is mighty in power. He is so powerful that the earth shakes when He is angry. Though He is so very powerful, He is a compassionate God. God helps us when we ask for His help. God always answers our prayers in His own ways and timing. He doesn't use His power to crush us, but to correct us. He does that because He loves His people and does not manipulate His power.

God is the One who holds the kings and the rulers of the earth. Everything on earth, including the false god and idols, is in the palm of His mighty hand. He is the eternal King in the everlasting kingdom.

Key verse:

*Jeremiah 10:10a
But the Lord is
the only true
God. He is the
only living God,
King forever.*

Prayer

*Dear God, Yours
is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory
forever. Thank
You for preparing
a home for me
in Your eternal
and everlasting
kingdom. Amen.*

