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A Tale of Two People

Part One

Jeremiah, a prophet whom we know more about than any of the other writing prophets, was called by God around 626 BC to prophesy to the Southern Kingdom. About 100 years earlier, the Northern Kingdom fell to the Assyrians never to be resurrected again, and the Southern Kingdom was now in jeopardy of experiencing the same at the hands of the Babylonians.

Jeremiah's mission was both destructive and constructive. On the one hand, he solemnly lambasted Judah for their idolatry, wickedness, and corruption. They deserved God's punishment. On the other hand, Jeremiah sought to bring Judah to repentance, holding out hope that she would yet escape her impending demise. Nevertheless, according to Jeremiah 17:1-4, Judah's future was bleak.

In vv. 5-8, Jeremiah records a word from the Lord, presumably presenting Judah with a choice. Two types of people are depicted in stark contrast; the only similarity between them is the fact that they both trust in someone. We, like Judah, will put our trust, our final reliance, in someone or something. It might be God, or it might be another person, ourselves, or a thing. To be sure, we are all constantly putting some degree of trust in others. For example, if you were to board an airplane this afternoon, you would find yourself trusting the pilot to get you to your destination. But what is meant here in Jeremiah 17:5-8 is not that kind of trust, but the kind of trust in which there is a deep hope, reliance, and confidence—that which we expect to hold firm when everything else fails. Jeremiah 17:5-8 presents each one of us with this question: "In whom do you trust?"

According to our passage, in whom we place our trust, whether a human being or God, is the key difference between being cursed and being blessed. The verb "trusts" (vv. 5, 7) comes from a Hebrew word, which means "to rely on," "to be confident," or "to feel secure" (HALOT 1:120). Confidence, hope, and security all depend on the object of a person's trust.

Contextually speaking, we might ask in what way had Judah been guilty of placing her trust in man. Well, not only did the people of Judah put their trust in the words of false prophets (cf. Jer. 27—28:16), but they also made a terrible mistake by trusting in their alliances with foreign nations, including Egypt and Babylonia, as well as worshiping the gods of those nations (cf. Jer. 37:1-10).

Rather than placing their trust in God, many people today place their deep-seated trust or confidence in government officials, parents, or preachers. There is an old story of a father who took his young son out and stood him on the railing of the back porch. He then went down, stood on the lawn, and encouraged the little fellow to jump into his arms. "I'll catch you," the father said confidently. After a lot of coaxing, the little boy finally made the leap. When he did, the father stepped back and let the child fall to the ground. He then picked up his son, dusted him off, and dried his tears. "Let that be a lesson," he said sternly. "Don't ever trust anyone."

Now, on the one hand, I am disturbed by this story. This seems to be a rather dramatic, even unnecessary, way of making a point. I don't like the idea of a father letting his son fall and hit the ground, and there is certainly a sense in which we need to learn to trust other human beings.

On the other hand, the point of this story is not that much different from Jeremiah 17:5. People are people; they are not God. They cannot do what God can do. People will let you down; people will fail you. Other people were never meant to take the place of God. No human being can deliver like God can deliver. No human being can promise what God promises.

If we place our ultimate trust in man, we are cursed (vs. 5). But, if we place our ultimate trust in God, we are blessed; we will prosper (vs. 7). As David said, "Trust in Him at all times, O people, pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us" (Ps. 62:8).

Jacob Evans

UPCOMING WORSHIP INFO

For the time being, "those to serve" assignments will not be listed in the bulletin.

We will be meeting in person for Sunday morning worship on Sunday, August 23, with guidelines and parameters in place in order to keep us all as safe and healthy as possible.

The elders, deacons, and their wives who are attending will be wearing masks. The elders encourage you to wear a mask when you attend the Sunday morning worship service in person.

If you are sick in any way or running a fever, we obviously expect you to continue to worship with us online or on the radio. If you are especially vulnerable to the more drastic effects of Covid-19 and/or these safety measures will be difficult or impossible for you to follow, then we understand if you choose to stay home and worship with us online or on the radio.

safety measures:

- Enter through the open doors in the foyer.
- Pick up PCK(s) and mask(s) (optional, but strongly encouraged) as you enter.
- Find a seat for your family (every other pew is taped off).
- Maintain social distancing (e.g., no handshaking or hugging; no sitting next to another family on the same pew).
- Minimize use of nursery and restrooms.
- Refrain from using the water fountains (bottled water available).
- Deposit your contribution in a basket, and throw away your PCK(s) as you leave through the foyer.

REMOTE ACCESS

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Via Internet: Go to (1) [Pulaski Street's Facebook Page](#) or (2) [Pulaski Street Church of Christ's YouTube Channel](#).

Via Radio: The Sunday morning services will air at about 6 p.m. (6 p.m. is not an exact time; the broadcast should begin sometime between 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.) on Sunday evenings at 106.1 FM (Lawrenceburg), 93.1 FM (Loretto), or 590 AM (Lawrence County) and via X Radio App on both Apple and Android.

Sunday Evening Bible Class Livestream: Go to [Pulaski Street's Facebook page](#) or [Pulaski Street Church of Christ's YouTube Channel](#) at 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Devotional Livestream: Go to [Pulaski Street's Facebook page](#) or [Pulaski Street Church of Christ's YouTube Channel](#) at 5 p.m.

During church office hours (Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.), you may pick up personal communion kits and/or drop off your weekly contribution. You may also mail contributions/donations to 247 Pulaski Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

August 12 and August 16, 2020

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Worship.....	119
Sunday Evening Worship.....	—
Contribution (2020 Budget \$10,635.48).....	\$10,107.00
Average (last available).....	\$10,069.48

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SCHEDULE of SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.....	10:25 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship.....	6:00 p.m.*
Wednesday night.....	7:00 p.m.

(*Each 4th and 5th Sunday evening service is at 1 p.m.)

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

◆ On WDXE AM 1370/FM 102.5 ◆ 12:45 p.m. ◆ Monday – Friday ◆
The upcoming week of August 24 – August 28 will be hosted
by the SALEM Church of Christ.

PANTRY LIST

instant potatoes/8 oz. pkg. rice/1 lb. bag
crackers/1 lb. box macaroni & cheese/7.25 oz. box
quick oats/18 or 42 oz. OR boxes of individual packets
dried beans/1 lb. bag ramen noodles/3 oz. pkg.
cans of: tuna/6 oz. Vienna sausage/5 oz. salmon/ 15 oz.
SpaghettiOs, ravioli, etc./15 oz. can
fruit or vegetable juice/46 oz. can or bottle
peanut butter/18 oz. jar soup/10.5 oz. can
canned vegetables/14.5 oz. can...
(corn, green beans, peas, baked beans, pork & beans, etc.)
canned fruit/15 ¼ oz. (peach, pear, etc.)
canned meat/12-24 oz. (Spam, Treet, Chicken, etc.)
jelly, jam, or preserves/18-32 oz. jar

Monetary contributions are always welcome!
Make check payable to Pulaski Street Church of Christ,
and please indicate "PANTRY" on the memo line.
Thank you!

Some services and events have been altered, postponed, or cancelled due to recommendations regarding the current coronavirus situation.

ELDERS: Tim Hammond, 931-852-4832 Biff Helton, 931-242-8785 Bob Markus, 931-242-3816 Eric Nutt, 931-242-3566

Please speak with the elder chairman regarding anything you'd like the elders to discuss or to arrange a time to meet with them.
The elder chairman for July, August, and September is Biff Helton.

DEACONS: Shayne Adams Joe Cook Jacob Cothren Jim Donnelly Mark Evans Scott Harris
Billy Helton III Reggie Holt Shane Hughes Andy Lee Mark Miller Brad Nielsen Caleb Shadrack

MINISTERS: Jacob Evans, 731-343-5325 Jeremy Gargis, 931-231-9557 Hispanic Ministry: Rodolfo Espinoza, 615-516-0650 AGAPE COUNSELOR, 931-762-8502

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

As of Tuesday, August 18:
TONY ALLEN was admitted to St. Thomas Hospital on Tuesday, August 18, after taking a course of medication to reduce pressure in a damaged artery. Unfortunately, the pressure in the artery has not decreased. Tony and Pam were to discuss options with the surgeon. *77 Crawfish Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*
ROBBIE GUTHRIE, who is battling lymphoma, had a CT scan of her neck on Tuesday, August 18. Thankfully, results were good; no cancer was detected. *1804 Jean Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*
BIFF HELTON has been diagnosed with Covid-19. As of Tuesday, August 18, he was starting breathing treatments for respiratory symptoms at home. *P.O. Box 601, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*
DENISE HUGHES is home and recovering after having gallbladder surgery on Friday, August 14. The surgery went well. *44 Beuerlein Lane, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*
RACHEL SNIDER HUGHES is home and recovering after having surgery last week to repair the fractured bones (tibia and fibula) in her right leg. It will likely be two to four weeks before she can put any weight on the leg. Total recovery time is expected to be about six months. *295 Cotton Lane, Leoma, TN 38468.*
TOMMY LEE is now considered to be recovered (from Covid-19) by the department of health. **PATSY LEE** is continuing to improve. *3040 Hwy. 43 S., Loretto, TN 38469.*
MICHAEL MASHBURN is scheduled to have surgery on Monday, August 24, at Vanderbilt UMC to remove cancer from inside his mouth. He had a CT scan on Friday, August 14, and results indicate the cancer has not spread. *250 Wesley Chapel Rd., L'burg, TN.*
SUSAN HUGHES CARVELL, niece of **Joyce Clark**, had port surgery on Monday, August 17. The procedure went well. Susan is scheduled to begin chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer this Thursday, August 20, at the Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute in Nashville. *502 Daniel Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*
CONNIE GAMBLE, sister of **Tommy Lee** and aunt of **Sandi Cook** and **Andy Lee**, has tested positive for Covid-19, and she has double pneumonia. She is home and recovering after a hospital stay. *63 Gamble Rd., Five Points, TN 38457.*
GARY HAMPTON, former member here, is continuing to battle pneumonia and Covid-19. *1400 Vernon St., LaGrange, GA 30240.*
STEVE HIGGINBOTHAM, minister at Karns Church of Christ (Knoxville) and friend of **Jacob Evans**, has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. *3318 October Lane, Knoxville, TN 37931.*
FRANKLIN and REVA LEE, parents of **Tommy Lee** and grandparents of **Sandi Cook** and **Andy Lee**, have both tested positive for Covid-19. They are both at home and are not feeling well. *131 Evans Rd., Five Points, TN 38457.*
WILLIE MAE RIGGINS, mother of **Tammy Foster**, suffered multiple strokes on Monday evening, August 17, and fell to the floor, fracturing her hip and ankle. She was life-flighted to Skyline Medical Center (Nashville). As of Tuesday, August 18, her condition was not good.
Please continue to pray for all those recently mentioned.

THANK YOU

To our Pulaski Street family,
 Thank you so much for your love and support shown to us during the loss of James. Thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards, and visits. Thank you for the food you graciously provided and for the beautiful flowers. Your love made our difficult time easier to endure. In Christian love, **The family of James Keaton**

YOUTH NEWS

Places are significant to each us in different ways. I'm certain that many of you have to do nothing more than see a picture of some specific place in order for memories of that place to flood your mind. Perhaps it's your grandparents' home. Maybe it's a restaurant you frequented in the past. Whatever those places may be, they cause us to remember particular things.

That's what I am hoping our current series of outdoor Bible classes will do for our teens! We will be meeting in different locations with lessons that are related in some way to each individual place. We had our first one this past Sunday evening, and we will be continuing to have about two classes each month. No food or drink will be provided at any of these, so eat before you come. Be sure to bring your Bible, and it would be helpful to bring a chair with you each time. While daylight allows it, we will be meeting from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for each class. In the event of bad weather, we may need to reschedule, and I'll give you a heads up at least two hours prior to our meeting.

Our next class will be this coming Sunday evening, August 23rd, around the pond behind the Donnellys' home. Parents, you are more than welcome to stick around for all of these Bible classes! Hope to see you there!

Until next time, **Jeremy Gargis**

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Darlene Dewberry** on the death of her aunt, **MAXINE CHAPMAN**. Arrangements at Neal Funeral Home were incomplete at print time. Condolences may be sent to **Darlene and Jay** at *602 Hwy. 64 W., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **REBECCA NIELSEN**. Mrs. Nielsen was the grandmother of **Brad Nielsen**. A graveside service was held on Sunday, August 16, in Martin, TN. Condolences may be sent to **Brad and Emily and family** at *207 Admiral Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **ISLA GENTRY**. Isla was the three-year-old great niece of **Darrin McKamey**; she had been battling acute myeloid leukemia (AML) for the past year. Isla's parents, **Mike and Autumn Gentry**, would appreciate cards of encouragement. Their address is *7804 W Clarke St., Wauwatosa, WI 53213*. Condolences may be sent to **Darrin and Allison** at *614 Aspen Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

MEMORIAL

A donation from **Robert Grisham, Jr.** has been given to the Pulaski Street Youth Group in memory of **BILL GRISHAM**.

COMING SOON

Saturday, September 12: 7th Annual Lawrence County Walk4Water. Rotary Park Walking Track. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. Walk starts at 9 a.m. Register online for a free t-shirt. Go to <https://www.hhi.org/walk4water/lawrenceburg-tn-2020> to register or donate.

Saturday, September 26: SPECIAL EVENT. Please watch for more information in your e-mail and the overhead announcements.

We have your **"SENT" T-shirt order** ready!
 Don't forget to come by the church office and get yours!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pam Purcell Peggy Wilson	2 Addisten Gieske	3 	4 Bay Robertson Hud Robertson	5 Sam Boyd Erik Dickey
6 Jeff Smith	7 Jonathan Parrish LABOR DAY	8 Hazel Cothren Dorcas Sewing, 10-3, FB 	9 Emily Nielsen Larson Smith Lorene Chandler Sawyer Snider	10	11 Cayden Hughes Lakin Robertson	12 Mack Evans WALK 4 WATER 
13	14 Connor Pope	15	16 	17 Tammy Foster	18 Bentley Gargis	19 
20 Morgan Pilkinton	21 	22 Josh Bowling Jim Parkes Lisa Wells Dorcas Sewing, 10-3, FB 1st day of fall 	23 Vangie Gieske	24 Erin Evans Roughley Goolsby Ronnie Thigpen Mason Rochelle Duane Smith	25 Gennie Adams	26 Bonnie Pope David Grooms SPECIAL EVENT 
27	28 Emily Harris	29 Mindy Markus	30			
 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> If you are participating in our LIVESTREAM SERVICES and CLASSES and the livestream is lost, please keep checking back. The stream is usually reestablished very shortly, and you can resume watching at about the point where it failed. </div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">Art used is attributed to http://clipart-library.com/ and/or is open (public domain) clipart.</p>						

MICHAEL MASHBURN will have a number of medical appointments prior to and following his surgery and hospitalization for a recurrence of cancer. If you'd like to donate money to **help Michael and April Mashburn and Cathy Atwell** with expenses they will incur (travel, lodging, meals, etc.), you may drop it by the church office or give it to any elder or staff member.