

GRACEPOINT CHURCH

Weekly Devotional

Unshakeable: The Prophet of Justice
Justice Month: June-July 2026

Staking a Claim on Tomorrow – Ian France –26.7.2026

Scripture

Jeremiah 32:1-25

Open your mind and heart as you read the passage of Scripture aloud and then again quietly to yourself. Listen for God's word to you.

Spend some time in worship.

Observation

Jeremiah had declared that Jerusalem would be conquered and her people would be overcome. King Zedekiah would come face to face with the Babylonian king. Zedekiah did not like this. He preferred the false prophets' prophecies, for they assured him that all would be well. He threw Jeremiah into prison because of his message. Jeremiah would have been kept in an area of the prison where he could have visitors.

But this did not silence Jeremiah, who spoke of a commission the Lord gave him to buy his cousin's field at Anathoth. The Babylonian forces would already have occupied the area, for Anathoth was only 5 kms outside Jerusalem. As such, the land was worthless. But when Jeremiah's cousin came to visit the prophet and offered him the land in question, Jeremiah bought it, for he knew that God had clearly instructed him to do so. Jeremiah enacted the prophecy God had given him, 'putting his money where his mouth was'. He bought the land in the presence of witnesses according to the legal customs of the time.

Jeremiah instructed Baruch (who was a scribe, and Jeremiah's assistant) in the presence of these witnesses to hide the documents in an earthen container to preserve them for the future, for he knew and trusted that God would fulfil His promise regarding the restoration of the land for His people.

Despite his faith and his confidence in God, Jeremiah still had moments of doubt, so he prayed about the situation. He acknowledged God's power and confirmed that he believed nothing was too difficult for God. He declared God's love and mercy and spoke of God's justice and

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His judgment. He knew God loved His people Israel, even though they had turned away from Him. He acknowledged that this was the reason the calamity that was looming would take place. He pointed out to God the siege mounds the Babylonians had built outside Jerusalem. People were dying in the city from the sword as they were attacked on the city walls; from famine; and from disease. Jeremiah could not understand why God had told him to buy this field, but he knew God well enough to do as He instructed, even if he did not understand the reasoning behind God's command.

Icebreaker:

Have you ever been in a situation where you had to speak the truth to people who did not believe you?

What did it take to do so?

How did people respond to your declaration?

Application

- Many people declare themselves to be prophets today. How does being in the presence of a prophet make you feel? How do you discern who is a true prophet and who is a false one?
- What would you say to someone who feels they need to be a whistle-blower and point out an injustice of some sort to the people in authority in that situation? Would you ever take on that role yourself? Why/why not? What would it take you to do so?
- What is a prophetic purchase? How could making one impact your life and the lives of your family, your community and your church? What do you think could be a prophetic purchase you could make at this time, to give people hope for the future?
- What did it mean to you as you met up with the rest of the congregation last week to pack food parcels? How did you feel? What do you think the lasting impact of that time could be on you and your community? Do you think it brought hope to the packers as well as the recipients? How?
- Spend some time in silence. Ask God to show you how you can bring hope in your environment this week. Briefly share what you hear God saying to you. How did the

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leaf exercise speak to you? Will it make a difference for you as you go forward into the future?

- How can the group help you with the struggles you have mentioned during this session?

Prayer

Pray for one another regarding the issues raised during your discussion time, and any needs of the group.

Service

Look for opportunities to be salt and light in your community this week.

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