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2020 Bible Reading Plan: The New Testament!!!

Will you join us? IN FELLOWSHIP WITH SOMEONE?

Week #45: Revelation 11-15

How To Honor Politicians You Really Don't Like: Shine Bright!

Lessons from Jeremiah

Jeremiah 27 & 28 (ESV)

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- 2 Corinthians 10:1-2 "I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I who am humble when

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- Acts 4:18-20 "So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. [19] But Peter and John answered them, 'Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, [20] for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.'"
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2 Corinthians 4:6 "For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (ESV)

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Matthew 5:14–16 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

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- Daniel 12:3 "And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."
- 2 Peter 1:19–21 "And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, [20] knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. [21] For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

7) Look Beyond Your Situation of Suffering to Your Future Glory

- Revelation 21:23–27 "And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. [24] By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, [25] and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. [26] They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. [27] But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. (ESV)