

“And yet, O Sovereign Lord, you have told me to buy the field—paying good money for it before these witnesses—even though the city will soon be handed over to the Babylonians.” Jeremiah 32:25 NLT

## [lectio] // JEREMIAH 32:16-35

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

Jeremiah buys a field. I've heard stories about this purchase (and others). He buys it just before Babylon takes over the city, which makes the field purchase useless. But is it useless? There are so many things that do not make sense because we do not see the whole picture, and we only have these moments that make up "our" life. God is eternal and his plans are eternal. So God allows us to participate in plans and stories that pre and post date our personal timeline. God knew when Babylon would take the city and he knew when Israel would get it back. Then, the deed to the land would become valid again. I don't have time today, but I really wonder where that plot of land was and is today - and better yet, what was it for? Was it later golgotha? Or Jesus temporary burial place? Or part of the future temple mount? Was it where Abraham was asked to give up his son, Issac? God had purpose for the plot and he wanted Jeremiah to be a part of a big plan for the future!

## [oratio]

pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

I love how you orchestrate your plans and your will among stubborn sinners - humans. You breathed just enough to give us taste of creativity, passion and persistence, but not enough to give us a perspective outside of ourselves and our own timeline. Some get to see history and you help them make sense of it. Some get to see the future and you help them play a role in shaping it. We have tremendous unlimited power of imagination and curiosity, but very limited scope of accountability and impact on our future. You told Jeremiah to buy land and he obeys but can not fathom the why.

## [contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root