

Sermon Notes

“Hope on the Desert Road ” Jeremiah 17:5-8

Big idea: Whether we’re comfortable or enduring suffering, the faithfulness of Christ is our only true security and hope.

Goal: That you would set your trust in Christ Jesus such that even when you experience loss and pain, rather than having nothing, you’d have Him and find that He is enough.

- I. The Problem: Where do we go when what we trust in fails?
 - a. Background: Jeremiah, the weeping prophet.
 - b. What does he mean by “blessing?”
- II. We go to God’s Word: A picture of competing sources of security.
 - a. The shrub (v5-6)
 - b. The tree (v7-8)
- III. Connection to life: An example of the challenge it is to remain rooted by the stream
- IV. We go deeper: Where is Jesus in the book of Jeremiah?
 - a. Thank God, you’re an exile too!
 - b. The resurrected Christ, a better hope and security than brick and mortar.

Taking it home: Everyone trusts in something—some of us trust in many things. Where is your source of security in life? Where is your hope for the future rooted?