



Jeremiah 33:14–26

BIBLICAL PASSAGE

Jeremiah 33:20–21

MEMORY VERSE

“This is what the LORD says: ‘If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night no longer come at their appointed time, then my covenant with David my servant—and my covenant with the Levites who are priests ministering before me—can be broken and David will no longer have a descendant to reign on his throne.’” **Jeremiah 33:20–21**

“The only two guarantees in life are death and taxes.” This is a trite phrase you have no doubt heard before. The underlying idea in this phrase is that we should count on very little. Not the weather. Not traffic. Not our government. Certainly not other people. Does this sound cynical? Most definitely. But our society seems to constantly promote this negativity. “Why should we trust in anything?” the world asks. “We’ll only be let down.”

At Sinai, God entered into a covenant relationship with Israel. This agreement had one stipulation: Israel could have no other gods. Four hundred years later, the Israelites had completely failed to keep their end of the deal. As a consequence, they were taken into captivity by foreign nations.

Read Jeremiah 33:14–26. God sent the prophet Jeremiah to warn Judah of its impending doom if they chose not to repent. Jeremiah’s countrymen ignored his cry. Captivity was imminent. However, Jeremiah offered a future hope despite the dire circumstances. This hope was rooted in the faithful God who would one day restore His chosen nation.

We often forget that God is the one true constant. We can rely on Him above all others. Remind yourself that God’s faithfulness depends not on our actions, but on His gracious and loving character. As a parent, you have the wonderful opportunity to remind your teenager about what God has done for him or her. What are some ways you can cultivate your child’s gratitude for God’s faithfulness?

FAMILY DEVOTION TIME

Connect . . .

First, family members share commitments they have made to one another while someone records them on paper. If these commitments have not been made, the family takes a moment to consider ways they might commit to one another. Then discuss: **What is the most crucial element to any commitment?** (*Answer: faithfulness*)

Explore . . .

First, a family member reads Jeremiah 33:14–26. Then discuss why it matters whether God fulfilled His covenant with David and the Levites. Ask: **What does it say about God when He keeps His promises?** Finally, a family member reads: **Jeremiah reveals God’s compassionate heart. Even God’s discipline, though painful at times, is given so we may be restored to a closer relationship with Him. We can always trust Him, even if we don’t understand His ways.**

Transform . . .

Discuss: **Do I really believe God is faithful? How does my life show that belief?**

Pray together that God will expose and help you remove obstacles in your lives that keep you from taking Him at His Word.