

PURPOSE CHURCH

SUNDAYS 8:30am | 10:00am | 11:30am



AUGUST 16, 2026

Return to Me

WARNINGS FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH



Summer 2026

WELCOME TO PURPOSE CHURCH!

Are you new to Purpose Church?

We are so glad you are here! We want to meet you, answer any questions you might have, and help you get connected. Come to the Connect Center located in the Lobby after the service to meet our friendly team and pick up a free gift!

NEXT STEPS AT PURPOSE

We believe every person has a ***next step*** to take.
We are here to help you discover and take yours.

Have you decided to follow Jesus?
Do you want to get baptized?
Do you need hope, healing and support?
Are you looking for meaningful community?

Head to: [***purposechurch.com/nextsteps***](https://purposechurch.com/nextsteps)



EVERYONE EVERYWHERE FOLLOWING JESUS

PRAYER

We would love to pray with you!
Please stop by the prayer room
after the service or submit a
prayer request online.
[***purposechurch.com/prayer***](https://purposechurch.com/prayer)

GIVING

We believe that generous people
transform the world! Offering
boxes are available in the lobby on
Sundays or you can give online.
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THE COST OF DELAYED OBEDIENCE

August 16, 2026 / Pastor Eric Holmstrom

THE AVOIDABLE OUTCOME: ZEDEKIAH AND HIS FAMILY

Jeremiah 39:4-7

THE FIRST MEETING: ZEDEKIAH _____ SEEKS THE LORD

Jeremiah 37:1-3, 6-8

Ways to Privately and Genuinely Seek The Lord:

- **Read** or **listen** to the Bible four or more times a week.
- **Memorize** a new Bible verse each week and meditate on it daily.
- **Pray** to God in a conversational way while journaling or on a hike.
- **Discern** a difficult decision with the Lord over prolonged time.
- Set a 10-60 minute timer and listen for God's voice in **silence** and **solitude**.
- **Serve** as many people as possible in various small ways in a single day.
- Only listen and sing along to **worship songs** for an entire week.
- **Confess** your sins to a trusted Christian and ask them to pray for you.

THE SECOND MEETING: ZEDEKIAH _____ WANTS HAPPINESS NOT HOLINESS

Jeremiah 37:12-17

Happiness: this *feels good* to me.

Holiness: this is *God's best* for me.

THE THIRD MEETING: ZEDEKIAH _____

BUT NEVER OBEYS

Jeremiah 38:14-19

Matthew 23:37-38

REFLECT | DISCUSS | PRACTICE

1. **REFLECT:** How did you sense God speaking to you through the sermon and Bible verses?
2. **DISCUSS:** What's something you knew you should do, but delayed doing because you knew it would be uncomfortable, costly, or inconvenient?
3. **DISCUSS:** Read Jeremiah 37:1-3, 17. Why do you think Zedekiah kept asking Jeremiah for God's word when he repeatedly refused to obey it?
4. **DISCUSS:** Read Psalm 16:11 and Hebrews 12:10-11. Can you think of an area where what feels good and what honors God are in conflict?
5. **DISCUSS:** Read Jeremiah 38:17-19. Have you ever obeyed God even though you were afraid? What happened?
6. **DISCUSS:** Read James 1:22-25. Is there an area where God has already given you enough information and is now waiting for you to trust and obey Him?
7. **PRACTICE:** *Complete this sentence and share it with another Christian in your life:*
I already know God is asking me to _____, but
I've delayed obeying Him because _____.

For more life group, reflection, and discussion content, and to join or start a group, visit: purposechurch.com/groups

Fill in the blanks: SUFFER, PUBLICLY, PRIVATELY, EXAMINES

