



## SPRING-TIME DAILY ENCOURAGEMENTS

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# FUTURE FAITHFULNESS

*I will give them all the prosperity I have promised them.*

Jeremiah 32:42

**READ Jeremiah 32:37–44**

Sara lost her mother when she was just fourteen years old. She and her siblings lost their house soon after and became homeless. Years later, Sara wanted to provide her future children with an inheritance that could be passed down from generation to generation. She worked hard to purchase a house, giving her family the stable home, she never had.

Investing in a home for future generations is an act of faith toward a future you don't yet see. God told the prophet Jeremiah to purchase land just before the violent siege of Jerusalem by the Babylonians (Jeremiah 32:6–12). To the prophet, God's instructions didn't make a lot of sense. Soon all their property and belongings would be confiscated.

But God gave Jeremiah this promise: "As I have brought all this great calamity on this people, so I will give them all the prosperity I have promised them" (v. 42). The prophet's investment in property was a physical sign of God's faithfulness to someday restore the Israelites to their homeland. Even in the midst of a terrible attack, God promised His people that peace would come again—homes and property would be bought and sold again (vv. 43–44).

Today we can put our trust in God's faithfulness and choose to "invest" in faith. Although we may not see an earthly restoration of every situation, we have the assurance that He'll someday make everything right.

**By Karen Pimpo**

## PRAY & REFLECT

**Dear God, help me to invest today for the future I can't yet see. Amen.**

What causes you to lose sight of God's faithfulness? How can you "invest" in light of the restoration He promises?

## SCRIPTURE INSIGHT

Interestingly, while Deuteronomy 6 commanded Israel to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength" (v. 5), in order that "it may go well with you" (v. 3), Jeremiah 32 describes God as lovingly caring for His people that way - "with all my heart and soul" (v. 41). Only God could give His people the "singleness of heart and action" to follow Him so that all would "go well for them" (v. 39). God's "everlasting covenant" - God's commitment to "never stop doing good to them" (v. 40) was their only source of hope. – By **Monica La Rose**

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