

Hello, My Name is Baruch

JEREMIAH 45

Sometimes the Bible reads like a museum gallery: Stories with larger-than-life figures like Abraham, David, and Jesus Himself. But hidden in the corners of the gallery and tucked between the pages of Scripture are the stories that have been passed over—ordinary people who remain minimized, forgotten, or unseen. And one such man is named Baruch.

1. Baruch was a man of _____.

AW Tozer: "What we think about God is the most important thing about us."

2. Baruch was a _____ man.

"The greatest ability is dependability."

3. Baruch was _____.

CS Lewis: "God whispers to us in our pleasure, but he shouts to us in our pain."

4. Baruch was _____.

Scripture References (In order of use): Habakkuk 2:4; Acts 15:9; Romans 5:1-2; Proverbs 20:6; 2 Chronicles 36:15-21; Jeremiah 15:10; Jeremiah 20:8; John 5:24; Romans 8:18; Revelation 21:4; Galatians 6:9

Reference Works: Be Decisive (Warren W. Wiersbe); Jeremiah (Robert P. Carroll); Jeremiah and Lamentations: From Sorrow to Hope (Philip Graham Ryken); Jeremiah, Lamentations (Fred Wood, Ross McLaten); Jeremiah: An Introduction and Commentary, Volume 2: Chapters 21-53 (John L. McKay); Notes on the Prophecy and Lamentations of Jeremiah (H. A. Ironside)

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever been in the place where it seems like nothing you do matters? Explain.
2. Read **Jeremiah 45**. Is there anything from the sermon you would like to discuss?
3. A.W. Tozer said, "What we think about God is the most important thing about us." Why is this true? How does what you believe about God affect your daily decisions?
4. Read Habakkuk 2:4, Acts 15:9, and Romans 5:1-2. What do these verses teach us about the centrality of faith in the Christian life?
5. Baruch stuck with Jeremiah through years of rejection, scorn, and exile. Who in your life has shown you that kind of loyalty? How did it impact you?
6. "The greatest ability is dependability." Why are faithful people so hard to find? What makes faithfulness difficult in our culture?
7. God asked Baruch, "Are you seeking great things for yourself?" (Jeremiah 45:5). What "great things" might we be seeking that could distract us from God's purposes?
8. Read Romans 8:18 and Revelation 21:4. How does an eternal perspective change the way we view our current struggles?
9. Who in your life could use some encouragement? Maybe as a small group you could take the time to encourage a person you know.
10. How can we pray for you today?

Practical Applications

- Faith Check: Spend 15 minutes journaling about what you truly believe about God. Is your faith the foundation of everything else in your life?
- Faithfulness Audit: Identify one area where you've been inconsistent (relationships, work, church, spiritual disciplines). Commit to being "Old Faithful" in that area this week.
- Eternal Perspective: Memorize Romans 8:18. When you face difficulty this week, recite it and ask God to help you see beyond the present moment.

Daily Devotions

Day 1: The Foundation of Faith

Reading: Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 5:1-2

What you believe about God determines everything else in your life. Like Baruch, who served faithfully despite uncertain times, your faith becomes the lens through which you view every circumstance. The righteous live by faith—not by feelings, circumstances, or outcomes. This faith isn't blind optimism; it's confident trust in God's character and promises. When you're justified by faith, you gain access to grace and peace that transcends understanding. Today, examine what you truly believe about God. Is He trustworthy? Is He good? Your answers will shape how you respond to every challenge you face. Let faith be your foundation, not your fallback plan.

Day 2: The Power of Dependability

Reading: Proverbs 20:6; 1 Corinthians 4:2

Baruch wasn't the most talented or prominent person in Judah, but he was faithful. Like Old Faithful geyser in Yellowstone, he showed up consistently. In a world of broken promises and flaky commitments, faithfulness stands out like a beacon. God doesn't call you to be the most gifted person in your church, workplace, or family—He calls you to be dependable. When you commit to your spouse, show up. When you promise to serve, follow through. When you say you'll pray, actually pray. Faithfulness in small things builds character for larger assignments. Who is counting on your dependability today? Your consistency may be the very thing that keeps someone else's faith alive during their darkest hour.

Day 3: When Discouragement Comes

Reading: Jeremiah 15:10; 20:8; Psalm 42:5-11

Even the most faithful servants of God experience discouragement. Jeremiah felt it. Baruch felt it. You will feel it too. Hardship doesn't discriminate between the faithful and unfaithful—suffering is part of living in a broken world. But here's the remarkable truth: God often speaks most clearly in our pain. C.S. Lewis wrote that God whispers in our pleasure but shouts in our pain. Your discouragement isn't evidence of God's absence; it may be the very place where His voice becomes unmistakable. When waves threaten to overwhelm you, look for Jesus—He walks on the very thing you fear most. Don't waste your suffering by refusing to listen for God's voice within it.

Day 4: The Danger of Self-Centeredness

Reading: Jeremiah 45:4-5; Matthew 16:24-26

"Are you seeking great things for yourself?" God's question to Baruch cuts through our self-focused ambitions. Even in faithful service, we can harbor expectations of special treatment, recognition, or reward. Baruch came from a prominent family and may have expected earthly success. But God's economy operates differently. He promises life—not comfort, fame, or ease. Following Jesus means taking up your cross, surrendering your agenda, and embracing God's purposes over your plans. This isn't about lowering your expectations; it's about raising your vision beyond temporal success to eternal significance. What "great things" are you seeking for yourself? Are they aligned with God's kingdom, or are they distractions from your true calling?

Day 5: Eternal Perspective Changes Everything

Reading: Romans 8:18; Revelation 21:1-4; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

One day, in the context of eternity, your current woes will evaporate in the presence of God's glory. This isn't escapism—it's reality. Paul declared that present sufferings cannot compare to the glory that will be revealed. God will wipe away every tear; death, sorrow, crying, and pain will be gone forever. This world is not your home. You're just passing through. This perspective doesn't minimize your current pain, but it does contextualize it. Keep doing good, even when you're tired. At just the right time, you'll reap a harvest if you don't give up. Your faithfulness today echoes in eternity. The struggle is real, but it's temporary. The glory is coming, and it's forever.

Deacons on Call

Royce Blair and David Barks

Weekly Events

- **Worship:** Sundays at 9:45 AM
- **Small Groups:** Sundays at 11 AM
- **Deep Dive:** Wednesdays at Noon and 6:45 PM
- **First Kids:** Wednesdays at 5:30
- **First Youth:** Wednesdays: MS 5:30 PM; HS 6:45 PM



Welcome

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TODAY'S MESSAGE

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