



The God-Size Stuff

20/20: A Clear View into the True You - Part 5 Recap

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When it comes to making a life, most people are asking God to change their ENVIRONMENT, when God wants to change their INVESTMENT.

6 Jeremiah replied, “The word of the Lord came to me: 7 Watch! Hanamel, the son of your uncle Shallum, is coming to you to say, ‘Buy my field in Anathoth for yourself, for you own the right of redemption to buy it.’ 8 Then, as the Lord had said, my cousin Hanamel came to the guard’s courtyard and urged me, ‘Please buy my field in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for you own the right of inheritance and redemption. Buy it for yourself.’ Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. 9 So I bought the field in Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and I weighed out the silver to him—seventeen shekels of silver.” Jeremiah 32:6-9 CSB

How to invest in the God-Size Stuff:

1. Be SOLD OUT to God.

It is only by being sold out to God that we won’t SELL OUT to our PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES

2. Look FORWARD

The best days are AHEAD, not BEHIND.

9 “So I bought the field in Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and I weighed out the silver to him—seventeen shekels of silver. 10 I recorded it on a scroll, sealed it, called in witnesses, and weighed out the silver on the scales. 11 I took the purchase agreement—the sealed copy with its terms and conditions and the open copy— 12 and gave the purchase agreement to Baruch son of Neriah, son of Mahseiah. I did this in the sight of my cousin Hanamel, the witnesses who had signed the purchase agreement, and all the Judeans sitting in the guard’s courtyard. 13 I charged Baruch in their sight, 14 ‘This is what the Lord of Armies, the God of Israel, says: Take these scrolls—this purchase agreement with the sealed copy and this open copy—and put them in an earthen storage jar so they will last a long time. 15 For this is what the Lord of Armies, the God of Israel, says: Houses, fields, and vineyards will again be bought in this land.’” Jeremiah 32:9-15 CSB

3. Make WISE decisions, because your decisions make your FUTURE.
4. In order to be in TUNE with God’s preferred future, you need to be in TOUCH with God’s voice.

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SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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See It: (Small Group Questions)

Text: Jeremiah 32: 6-15

Big Thought: Stop asking God to change your ENVIRONMENT and start allowing God to change your INVESTMENT.

1. Read Jeremiah 32:6-15. Jeremiah made an investment in a climate that wasn't ideal. But there was something bigger going on. Something...God-sized. While Jeremiah may have hoped for a better scenario, he chose to obey God. He didn't ask for an environment change, he decided to make an investment for the future. At some point in our lives, we have asked God to change our environment, or circumstances, or fill in the blank.
 - Why is our immediate default to ask for a change of place rather than a change of investment?
2. Pastor Griff made this statement: It is only by being sold out to God that we won't SELL OUT to our PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.
 - What does it really mean to be sold out to God?
 - And by being sold out to God, how would that make certain that we won't sell out to our circumstances or other people?
3. Jeremiah made a wise decision because he was in touch with God's voice. God tells Jeremiah to buy the land even if it seems sketchy. But the message God was sending to his people was: The best days are ahead, not behind.
 - What wise decisions do you need to make today, that can set the tone for your future?
 - What are some practical ways you can stay in touch with God's voice so you don't miss where he is trying to take you?
4. The bottom line: Stop asking God to change your ENVIRONMENT and start allowing God to change your INVESTMENT.
 - What does this mean for you today?
 - What are some ways you can start investing in the God-size stuff?

Be It: (Small Group Exercise)

Investment Matrix

Put one X in each column of the table (at most two if there's a tie). Then answer the questions that follow. After that, discuss with your group.

	Where do I seem to have the most going for me right now?	Where am I investing the most effort and attention right now?	Where do I need to see the most improvement three years from now?
Spiritually			
Relationally			
Physically			
Intellectually			
Financially			

1. Do you see a need to shift where you are investing the most effort and attention?

2. How can you leverage the area that is going best for you to boost the area that needs the most improvement?