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Sermon Title: When Your Situation Seems Impossible
Key Scripture: Jeremiah 32:1-17 NIV
Recorded Sermon: https://youtu.be/ZVhZ-Kq1hCk?si=xbYXzW-w57DH3U_F
Date + Speaker: October 26, 2025 Pastor Mark Scarr

Starter: What is an acceptable amount of time to wait for the following and why? 1. To get a prescription filled? 2. To hear back from someone who you have called or texted? 3. To wait for a meal you have ordered at a restaurant?

The Big Idea: When life feels confusing, discouraging and God seems distant, trust and believe in His promises – Nothing is too hard for Him!

Discussion:

1. Read Jeremiah 1:5-6, 31:16-17, 37:16 and 38:6. What do you learn about Jeremiah?
2. Read Jeremiah 32:1-17 What words or phrases jump out at you and why?
3. What aspects of Jeremiah's situation make it particularly challenging or unbearable?
4. What comes to mind when you read the verbs "to besiege" and "to confine"?
5. Jeremiah had obeyed God and delivered a prophecy. He had done the 'right' thing and things went from bad to worse. When bad things happen to you what conclusions do you draw? About yourself? About God?
6. Pastor Mark encourages us to focus on three things we can DO when our situation seems impossible: BUY, BURY and BELIEVE.
    a) How do you confirm you are 'buying in' to something that is from God versus a foolish 'pipe dream'?
    b) What challenges must be overcome to tuck away or 'bury' a promise? (Side note: the Israelites waited 50 years to return to Israel → greater than the average lifespan at the time)

c) How do you maintain hope/believe when time marches on and nothing changes?

Diving Deeper:

7. Re-read Jeremiah 32:16 and 17. And read Matthew 19:26 End your time together by playing a worship song (e.g Raise a Hallelujah) choosing to focus on the One who is able. Pray for one another acknowledging, as Jeremiah did, that nothing is too hard for God.