

# STUDY GUIDE

## PASTOR JARED HERD - LIGHTHOUSE PART 3

This week Pastor Jared continued the series entitled “Lighthouse: Discovering God’s Will.” When determining God’s Will, God is more like a Lighthouse than GPS. Pastor Jared taught us about the Principle of the Paradox. We wonder if we are really in control, or if the world is already rigged against us, so that no matter what we do, it is not going to work out anyway. Proverbs 13:22 makes it sound like we control our own destiny, yet Proverbs 16:4 makes it seem as though God has already determined what will happen.

As you reflect on Pastor Jared’s message, **how does that tension sit with you? What thoughts run through your mind? Can free choice and God’s Will exist simultaneously?**

## BIBLE STUDY

We tend to operate by linear logic, where  $A+B=C$ . In other words, what we do directly determines the outcome. Yet, God is in the business of creating new, beautiful stories from our “messed up” stories, because His hand is on our stories.

Read Jeremiah 26:1-6, 27:4-6 and 29:10-14

**1. What does this passage reveal about the consequences of our actions (we are in control) and how God works to redeem our broken story (He is in control)?**

Read Genesis 37:12-36, 41:53-57, 42:1-22 and 50:19-21.

**2. What does this passage reveal about how God works to redeem our broken story caused by another person...when someone else dripped on our canvas and messed it up?**

## NOTES

## LIFE APPLICATION

### For everyone:

What area(s) of your life do you need to take responsibility and work to create a more beautiful picture?

What area(s) do you need to more fully trust God to create a beautiful story out of your messed up one? How can you apply Jeremiah 29:11 to your own life?

### For those who are married:

How can you better love your spouse to help create a more beautiful picture of his or her life?

How can you better support your spouse to allow God to create a beautiful story in his or her life?

### For parents:

How can you better teach your children about the tension between our choices and God's redemption?

In what specific ways can you model this for them in your own lives?

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Baptism

February 3/4

### Mom's Time Out

January 31

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## SERVE TOGETHER

Choose a weekend service to GREET together on the front porch as a group.

### Homeless Street Outreach

February 12

### Bumper Crop

February 10/11

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**VOTW** "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. **Jeremiah 29:11**