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## What's happening in our country?

- We have a lot to be thankful for...
- We have freedom
- We have liberty
- To speak, to assemble, well as long as...
- But we are drifting...

### Statistics from Pew, Barna, Lifeway, & Gallup:

#### In the USA:

- Christianity is declining rapidly
- Church attendance is even lower than belief
- Fewer than 10% hold a Biblical world view
- Evangelicals are a small minority
- Gen Z Christians are doubting more
- Bible reading is shockingly rare
- Half of pastors are seriously considering leaving ministry
- Christian persecution is increasing domestically
- A majority of Christians can't define the great commission

**AMERICA NEEDS OUR PRAYERS!!**

### In Jeremiah 17:1-14

#### As individuals, as a country, who are we trusting?

- **Ourselves?:**
  - The economy?
  - Our job?
  - Our retirement?
  - Land!? Place to live?
  - Freedom to go?
- **Our country?:**
  - The economy?
  - The power grid?
  - Our food supply?
  - The internet?
  - Government?



## Who was Judah trusting?

- What is God's answer through the prophet Jeremiah?:
  - You have a problem (vs. 1)

### JEREMIAH TALKS ABOUT THEIR SIN, BEHAVIOR:

And tells them 3 important things...

#### I. They forgot where they came from (1-4)

*Isaiah 51:1: Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole (quarry) of the pit whence ye are digged.*

- A. The devastation of sin (v.1)
- B. Even children are pagan (v.2)
- C. The revivals of Asa, Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah, & Josiah (good kings) were only an ointment of the real problem (v.3)
- D. What God was going to give them (v.4)

#### II. They forgot what their choices were (5-8)

- A. Those who put confidence in man (vs.5-6)
- B. Those who trust and hope in the LORD (vs.7-8)

#### III. They now face the consequences of their choices (9-14)

- A. The sinful heart (v.9)
- B. The Lord knows the heart (v.10)
- C. A warning against ill gotten gain (v.11)
- D. Israel's only hope is not the temple but a return to the LORD (vs.12-14)

### CONCLUSION:

And that is the answer, to humble ourselves and return to the Lord!! We do it one heart at a time.

It's not about saving a country; it's about saving souls through Christ!

We don't want to be in the desert (v.6)

We want to be like the healthy tree (v.8)!