

**NOTES:**

**SERIES:** Prophets & Kings

**SERMON 12:** "Judah Was Taken into Captivity"

**TEXT:** 2 Chronicles 36:11-21; Jeremiah 38:14-18, 24-28

**DATE:** November 25/26, 2017

1. God's \_\_\_\_\_

- A prophet's \_\_\_\_\_

2. God's \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ kings and \_\_\_\_\_ lead to Judah's \_\_\_\_\_

3. God's \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ king leads to \_\_\_\_\_

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**FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What is a hard heart? What does it feel like when our hearts become hard toward others and hard towards God?
2. Gratitude and obedience soften our hearts to God. Take a few minutes to discuss how your family is grateful to God for his faithfulness in your lives.
3. What are things in our world today that are in need of God's love? How can we be apart of bringing God's love to these things?

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**MAIN POINT**

God sent Judah into captivity because of their sin.

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. The hearts of God's people had grown hard toward God and his word. What causes our hearts to become hardened? How can we measure the hardness of our hearts?
3. Read Jeremiah 38:14-18. What is the most difficult part of about trusting God to tell you the truth?

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### BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Why should we obey God?  
We obey God because He loves us.

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4. God's anger, punishment, and love are all on display in this story. God's anger and punishment of his people can cause us to doubt his character and love. What questions or concerns about God's character emerge for you in light of his anger in this story?
5. How does your view of your relationship with Christ change because of this story?
6. Serving as a form of love connects us to God and reflects who God is to others. What does this look like in your life?

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### CHRIST CONNECTION

God punished his people for their sin, but keeps his promise to provide for them.  
God punished our sin through his son, Jesus, and made him king forever.