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**Week 3 Promises-Not Promises
Earthly Prosperity vs Peace**

1. God has great blessings for your life. You just need to ask for it, believe it, and receive it. You will be abundantly blessed with prosperity. Is this true?
2. Is wealth a promise?
3. Is earthly prosperity promised?
4. If God loves me and has a wonderful plan for my life, why am I broke?
5. I am broke, is that a lack of faith?
6. Why is God blessing others and not me?
7. What should be driving your bus? Scripture, Tradition, Experience, Reason, Emotion? Explain what should be driving your bus and why.
8. Read Ephesians 1:3, 3:8 The bible promises the riches of _____
9. Read Jeremiah 29:11 – How do people take this verse out of context.? How should this verse be interpreted?

Ted's answer:

You must be read in the context of the whole Book of Jeremiah, and the Book of Jeremiah must be read in the context of Israel's story. But then all of Jeremiah and all of Israel's story must be read in the context of God's purposes in Jesus Christ. All the promises of God "find their yes in him" (2 Cor. 1:20). If we are in Christ, then all the horrors of judgment warned about in the prophets have fallen on us, in the cross, where we were united to Christ as he bore the curse of the law (Gal. 3:13). And, if we are in Christ, then all of the blessings promised to Abraham's offspring are now ours, since we are united to the heir of all those promises (Gal. 3:14–29). - **Russell Moore**

10. Read II Corinthians 9:6-8. The true test of your faith is stewardship not ownership. How can you apply this to your life?
11. Read I Corinthians 4:2. The true test of your faith is faithfulness, not accumulation. What does this mean to you in your life?

12. Read Philippians 4:12, I Timothy 6:6-10. The true test of your faith is contentment, not wealth.

What area of your life are you not content. How can you become content in that area?

13. Jesus +Nothing=Everything II Corinthians 6:10. Pray God will help you move from being concerned about earthly prosperity to having peace.