

## Mourning into Dancing

### Pastor Daniel Israel – 7.31.22

#### Jeremiah 29:11-14

13 And you will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

14 I will let Myself be found by you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.'

### I. Our God is so gracious and merciful.

#### Jeremiah 31:1-4

1 "At that time," declares the LORD, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people."

2 This is what the LORD says:

"The people who survived the sword

Found grace in the wilderness—

Israel, when it went to find its rest."

3 The LORD appeared to him long ago, saying, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore, I have drawn you out with kindness.

4 "I will build you again and you will be rebuilt, Virgin of Israel! You will take up your tambourines again And go out to the dances of the revelers.

### II. God will gather us toward Him

#### Jeremiah 31:8,9.

8 "Behold, I am bringing them from the north country, And I will gather them from the remote parts of the earth, Among them those who are blind and those who limp, The pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; They will return here as a great assembly.

9 "They will come with weeping, And by pleading I will bring them; I will lead them by streams of waters, On a straight path on which they will not stumble; For I am a father to Israel, And Ephraim is My firstborn."

### III God will turn our mourning into gladness and dancing.

#### Jeremiah 31:11-13

11 For the LORD has ransomed Jacob

And redeemed him from the hand of him who was stronger than he.

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12“They will come and shout for joy on the height of Zion, And they will be radiant over the [g]bounty of the LORD— Over the grain, the new wine, the oil, And over the young of the flock and the herd. And their life will be like a watered garden, And they will never languish again.

#### **Jeremiah 31:11-13**

13“Then the virgin will rejoice in the dance, And the young men and the old together.

For I will turn their mourning into joy

And comfort them and give them joy for their sorrow.

#### IV. Each one will bear his or her own sins!

#### **Jeremiah 31:29,30**

29“In those days they will no longer say,

‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes,

[m]But it is the children’s teeth that have become blunt.’

30 But everyone will die for his own wrongdoing; each person who eats the sour grapes, his own teeth will become blunt.

#### V. A new covenant of forgiveness and eternal life in Christ!

#### **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

31“Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,

32not like the covenant which I made with their fathers on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.

33“For this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD: “I will put My law within them and write it on their heart; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people