



## The Week of May 2, 2021 Commitments Conversation Guide

### This Week's Take-Aways

- **I am engaged in the church:** (Acts 2:46-47) I consistently connect with my church body for fellowship and community while using my spiritual gifts for ministry and encouragement.
- **I am generous:** (Luke 6:38) I give freely of what God has given to me. I invest in the ministry of the church locally and globally. I seek to meet the needs of those around me, sharing what God has given me.
- **I place God's priorities above my own:** (Matthew 6:33) I will place God's priorities as described in the Bible ahead of my own.

### Intro Questions

- Name someone with a servant heart that has inspired you.
- Why are commitments important in relationships?

## Jeremiah's Commitment

- Read Jeremiah 32:9-12

*So I bought the field in Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and I weighed out the silver to him—seventeen shekels of silver. I recorded it on a scroll, sealed it, called in witnesses, and weighed out the silver on the scales. I took the purchase agreement—the sealed copy with its terms and conditions and the open copy—and gave the purchase agreement to Baruch son of Neriah, son of Mahseiah. I did this in the sight of my cousin Hanamel, the witnesses who had signed the purchase agreement, and all the Judeans sitting in the guard's courtyard.*

- Summarize the backstory to this passage from last week's message.
- What were the steps taken to “seal the deal?” Is this easier or harder than buying or selling property today?
- Have some fun: try to pronounce all the names in this passage five times fast.

- Read Jeremiah 32:14-15, 42-44

*This is what the Lord of Armies, the God of Israel, says: Take these scrolls—this purchase agreement with the sealed copy and this open copy—and put them in an earthen storage jar so they will last a long time. For this is what the Lord of Armies, the God of Israel, says: Houses, fields, and vineyards will again be bought in this land.*

*... Just as I have brought all these calamities on them, so I will do all the good I have promised them. Fields will again be bought and sold in this land about which you now say, 'It has been ravaged by the Babylonians, a desolate land where people and animals have all disappeared.' Yes, fields will once again be bought and sold—deeds signed and sealed and witnessed—in the land of Benjamin and here in Jerusalem, in the towns of Judah and in the hill country, in the foothills of Judah and in the Negev, too. For someday I will restore prosperity to them. I, the Lord, have spoken!”*

- What was God's promise?
- What steps were taken to make sure the purchase agreement would endure until God's promise was fulfilled?
- What are the parallels between then and now?
- Contrast Jeremiah's faith in God with the people around him and their hopelessness.
- How do we live as people of hope and not get sucked into the hopelessness that envelopes our culture?
- How does growing as a disciple increase your trust in God's control?

- Read Jeremiah 32:16-25

*Then after I had given the papers to Baruch, I prayed to the Lord: “O Sovereign Lord! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you! You show unfailing love to thousands, but you also bring the consequences of one generation’s sin upon the next. You are the great and powerful God, the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. You have all wisdom and do great and mighty miracles.*

*You brought Israel out of Egypt with mighty signs and wonders, with a strong hand and powerful arm, and with overwhelming terror. You gave the people of Israel this land that you had promised their ancestors long before—a land flowing with milk and honey. Our ancestors came and conquered it and lived in it, but they refused to obey you or follow your word. They have not done anything you commanded. That is why you have sent this terrible disaster upon them.*

*See how the siege ramps have been built against the city walls! Through war, famine, and disease, the city will be handed over to the Babylonians, who will conquer it. Everything has happened just as you said. And yet, O Sovereign Lord, you have told me to buy the field—paying good money for it before these witnesses—even though the city will soon be handed over to the Babylonians.”*

- What was Jeremiah’s response to his fulfilling God’s command?
- How does Jeremiah’s prayer reflect the depth of his commitment to God?
- What kind of effect would this have had on the people around him?
- Jeremiah’s commitment to God included prayer. What are some other spiritual disciplines that can help you grow closer to the Lord?
  - How can we commit to practicing these disciplines?

## Our Commitment

- Pastor David said:

*Finally, set a goal in giving because you know God’s placed you in this church and you know that your generosity is a part of the Spirit’s plan for this church. When we’re generous, we open the doors for amazing things to happen not only in our lives, but in our church, in our community and around the globe.*

- How is your personal commitment going to propel you in your relationship with God and others?
- What steps are you taking to grow closer to God in the next two years?
- How are you planning to serve your community and church?

## Next Steps

- If you didn’t get to attend on of the Live Boldly Loft Meeting, watch Pastor David’s presentation here: [https://youtu.be/NA2z\\_quAexc](https://youtu.be/NA2z_quAexc)
- [If you haven’t turned in your goal card yet, click here for an online version](#) or find it on the app and website.

# MY BOLD STEPS

Take a look at the steps below.  
Where is God leading you to take **BOLD STEPS**?

Take some time to pray and then circle the steps below indicating  
all of your **LIVE BOLDLY** goals.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## DISCIPLE

- 
- Host a Conversation Group
  - Lead a T-Group
  - Join a T-Group
  - Join a Conversation Group
  - Attend Worship Regularly
  - Attend Membership Class
  - Be Baptized
  - Begin My Faith Journey At Fresh Start

## SERVE

- 
- Volunteer Staff
  - Ministry Intern
  - Serve in Church Leadership
  - Serve Far (Nations/Global Missions)
  - Serve Near (Local Missions)
  - Serve Weekly at Celebration
  - Volunteer at a Special Event
  - Join Team Celebration

## GIVE

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- Estate Giver
  - Give beyond 10% of my income
  - Give 10% of my income
  - Asset Giver
  - Payday Giver
  - Set Up Online Giving
  - Occasional Giver
  - First Time Giver