

## STAYING IN FAITH - 2

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#### JEREMIAH 17:5

1. “Thus saith the Lord,” is an introduction that emphasizes the certainty of what follows. When God speaks, things happen. “let there be light” was spoken, and light happened. God’s Word is powerful.
2. “Cursed be the man that trusteth in man.” The Jews trusted in the Egyptians, Assyrians, Abraham, Moses, even themselves. This can include the military, technology, philosophy, or human wisdom, strength or wealth-even a lifestyle of fitness and nutrition.
3. “And maketh flesh his arm.” His confidence is in man’s ability. He looks to man to provide help and protection. Compared to God, man is weak, feeble, frail and mortal.
4. “And whose heart departs from the Lord.” **ROMANS 1:25** God wants us to trust Him, lean upon Him and not self or others. Every act of trust and confidence in the creature moves the heart away from God. It’s God who makes the way to cross over the troubled waters of human life.

#### THE CURSE – EXODUS 14:13-16

1. The curse is the limitations of man. Man’s ability is limited. There was no time to build a boat, bridge, airplane or helicopter. There was no way to dry up the ground so they could cross over without getting stuck in the mud.
2. The Egyptians tried to copy what the Israelites were told to do to their own peril. They had no rights to the blessings of God. They fell victim to their own inabilities.

#### THE BLESSING - JEREMIAH 17:7-8

1. The one who trusts in the Lord is blessed. Trust implies a close walk of intimacy and obedience. He’ll be prosperous and successful. He won’t be afraid when challenged because his roots run deep in God.
2. **DEUTERONOMY 7:12-15** – The removal of and protection from all sickness and disease.

#### HOW TO STAND IN FAITH

1. Refuse to accept the diagnosis as the final authority. **PROVERBS 18:21** says our words are important. We don’t deny the medical report, we believe it doesn’t have the final say. **ISAIAH 53:1** is a higher report. We are to make God our arm not man.
2. Take responsibility for our healing by doing our part. **MARK 5:28** By doing so, she was made whole.
3. Daily confess the Word. **HEBREWS 10:23** We hold fast to our confession of faith. **JEREMIAH 30:17** “My God is restoring health to me.”
4. Fight the fight of faith. **1 TIMOTHY 6:12** There are forces we must stand against. Thoughts of doubt must be cast down.
5. Don’t blame God. **JOHN 10:10** God is not the author of disease. **ACTS 10:38** Makes it clear who is.
6. Stay focused. **NUMBERS 21:9** Beheld means to look at attentively, expectantly, with a steady absorbing gaze.
7. Stay pure. Don’t hold any bitterness against anyone. **MARK 11:25-26**
8. Refuse condemnation. **ROMANS 8** Begins with no condemnation and ends with no separation.
9. Resist fear. **2 TIMOTHY 1:7** Use these three forces.
10. Constantly praise God for our healing. **PSALMS 118. 21, PSALMS 22:3** God inhabits our praises.