

BOLD LOVE

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a black leather jacket over a dark top, blue jeans, and black boots, is walking down the center aisle of a church. She is holding a long, curved wooden staff or branch. The church has wooden pews on either side, and two decorated Christmas trees are visible in the background. The lighting is warm and natural, coming from large windows.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE
STUDY IN JEREMIAH**

THE COVE

JANUARY 9TH-FEBRUARY 20TH

6:30PM- 8:30PM

HOMEWORK

- The Three Questions:
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- What Does it Say?
- What Does it Mean?
- What Does it Mean to
me?

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Get Up and Get Going
Let Go of Debilitating Encouragements
and Take Hold of Your Next Assignment



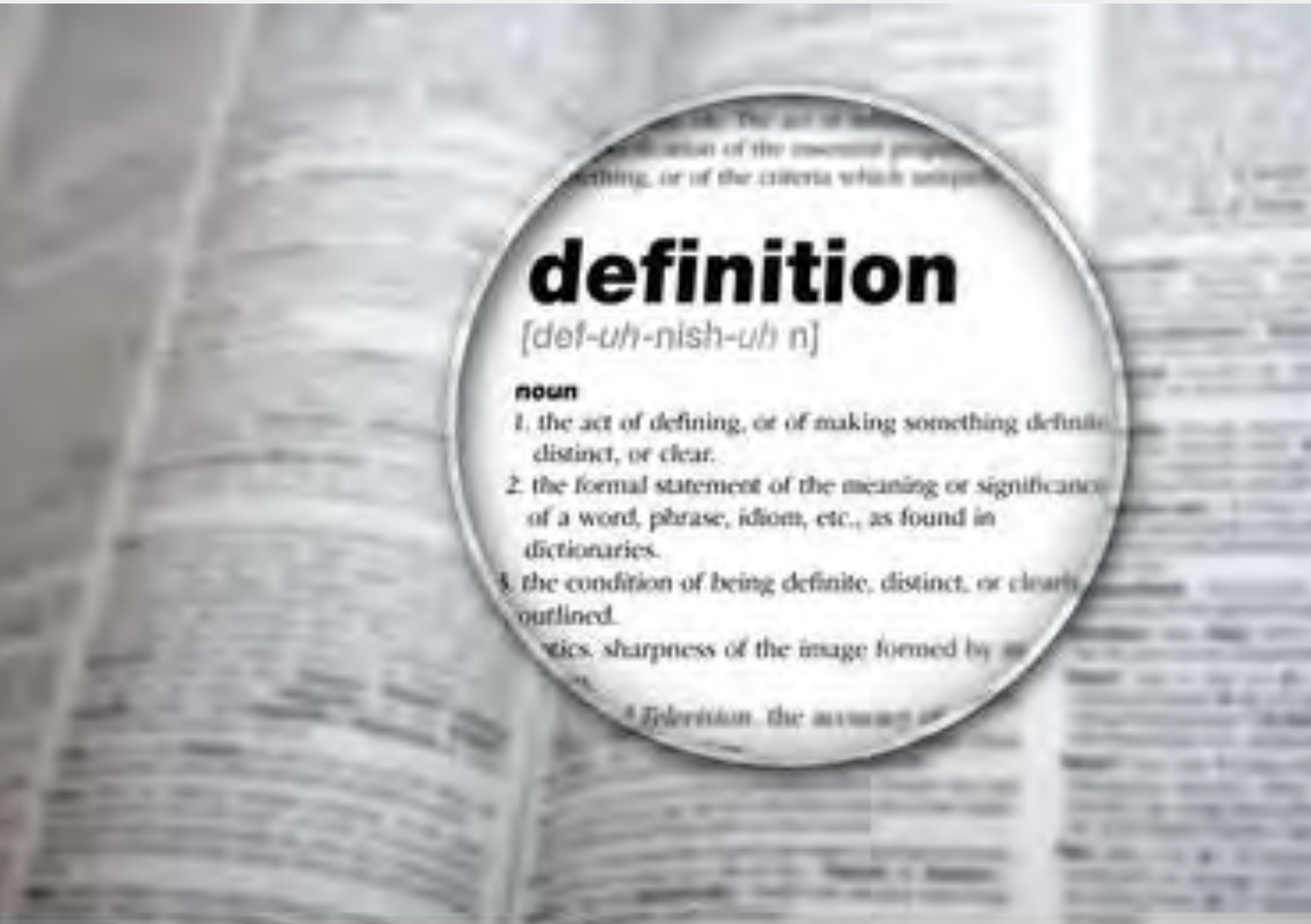
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ROAD TRIP



BOLD DEFINITIONS



- **PRETENSE:** A false showing of something
- **MERCY:** compassionate or kindly forbearance toward an offender, an undeserved unearned favor of kindness , forgiveness, mildness in justice
- **JUSTICE:** Quality of being just, fair, right, rightfulness, lawfulness
- **To Bring to Justice:** The act of treating justly, fairly and **RIGHTLY**
- **Mercy** Always precedes **Justice** w/ God



REVIEW

- Judah was in the midst of largest REVIVAL in the country's history
- Revived learning, obeying, singing, worship, services, festivals
- Revived devotions without devotion
- Revived profession of faith without possession of faith
- Assumed prosperity was proof of God's blessing
- The pure vine God planted was diseased
- Lived in delusion (Isaiah 6:9-10)



BOLD LANGUAGE

- Vs 1-4
- Too much clarity, we want to cover our ears and eyes, it's offensive language
- God's Mercy in His language here is still mild, it's KINDNESS that he calls a spade a spade
- Kindness is a reflection of the fruit of the Spirit, Niceness is not
- (Niceness- agreeable, cordial)



BOLD PRETENSE

- To be CLEAR.... GOD is telling Judah, your revival is skin deep, not penetrating the heart.
- THE MAIN ASK from both Judah and Israel (Northern 10 tribes) is REPENT!
- The Numbers coming forward in decision is out of PRETENSE! REPENTANCE is needed. They are making the “decision” to follow the rules, not Adonai’s Presence
- Inside of the cup vs the outside
- What does repentance look like



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Repentance is not seen in tears; it is not seen in words; it is not seen in emotion. Repentance is long, slow, consistent change over an extended period of time because it is from the heart outward. Heart change is supernatural work.



BOLD PRETENSE

- It's Jerusalem, Jeremiah MUST BE MISTAKEN! He's crazy. God is calling out the heart.
- Jesus called out the heart in Jerusalem as well
- Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus was wrong or unfair, it was MERCY and KINDNESS
- What does our heart look like
- IDOLATRY was the charge. Worshipping what they had built. Can they walk away from what they built and walk towards God

BOLD CHOICE



- Deuteronomy 24:1-4
- Husband sends wife away, pays for the contract (Gett)
- The wife can leave, but the divorce documents are drawn up by husband
- If wife marries another man, she is NOT allowed back EVER even if new spouse dies and old spouse wants her back
- This prevents serial marriages and shallow commitments
- The documents are SOLID and Hold
- Hosea/God/ Gomer/ Israel (Jer31)

DID ISRAEL EVER LISTEN?



- Exodus 33
- The people lamented
- The people had nothing else to cling to
- Took Time, Effort, Intention, Devotion, Care

hypocrite.

Hypocrisy is the state of pretending to have beliefs, opinions, virtues, feelings, qualities, or standards that one does not actually have.

Hypocrisy involves the deception of others and is thus a lie.

BOLD PRETENSE

- Judah kept their ornaments on
- Judah had amazing packed services
- Praising God with their lips/ image of good
- Built own safety nets (Cisterns & fruit)
- Worshipping how good they were worshipping & what they made with their hands
- Crystallized beliefs that they were right in doctrine, theology, tradition
- REFUSED to entertain Jeremiah's words
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GOD'S MERCY REVEALS THE HEART



- You say revival of the 10 commandments which you follow?
- God says LITERALLY prefer every stranger in the world to sitting and talking to Me, look on the hills (2)
- You say you have no other gods before Me?
- You have had every other god before Me and their twisted rituals



TRIED TO GET YOUR ATTENTION...

- Stopped the rain (3)
- Your response was BRAZEN refusal to be ashamed
- You made broken cisterns where you drank dust instead of water.
- Your exposure brought denial, anger, defensiveness and blame (chapter 2, 3;3- brazen)

EXPOSURE...



- Swindlers pandered to the king's arrogance
- The Swindlers claimed only those who DO NOT deserve their position and title cannot see the clothes as well as the very stupid cannot see either
- None of the king's men has the courage to say they could not see the clothes
- A child called out what everyone knew was true
- The King was in too deep to stop even though he knew he should be ashamed, he held on to the pretense.
- The more we have the harder it is to walk away even when exposed

THE CRY TO ADONAI



- Judah cries out for Adonai saying “My Father” but you were just calling your dust “my father and mother” a minute ago
- (5) You ASSUME forgiveness and ASSUME I have forgotten the rupture in relationship (predestined to forgiveness and Jeremiah 31, Romans 11)
- Assume that because the rupture was SOOOO long ago (10,20, 30 years) that it just fixed itself.
- Using the freedom in God to sin and sin more abundantly because we have boxed God in by His own covenant that He signed in His own blood (Romans 6)
- You MUST go back to the point of rupture
- Judah wanted God PLUS everything else

DON'T YOU SEE...



- (6-11) The 10 N Tribes, Israel, what happened to them?
- Judah did NOT see where they were LIKE ISRAEL AT ALL. The north didn't follow the Law, Judah could list out all the sins of the North.
- Judah's theology was ON POINT, they preached exegetical messages, they KNEW the WORD OF GOD
- God was saying: Drop the Faux-military, drop the emotional faux tears, drop the stage presence, drop the pretense!
- DURING the DAYS of Josiah, REVIVAL, but the revival is only skin deep, more a fake show than anything
- DON'T you SEE the SEPARATION b/t ME and the NORTH... DO YOU WANT THAT? I won't chase them down, or you down but I plead for you to come back



BOLDLY DROP PRETENSE



- COME BACK NOT IN PRETENSE but WHOLEHEARTEDLY
- Pretense: (Sheh'-ker): deceit, lie a deception used by Jeremiah 37 times!!!
- God doesn't want us to pretend to come to Him, to pretend to care, to tell the world I LOVE you God, but really, eh, they mean they love what they have done w the place
- Judah's Image is impeccable... heart is deceitful- Jeremiah's image... hmmm They think God is buying it... Acts 5

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BOLD SOBERING STATEMENT

➤ Verse 11

➤ The NORTH, Backsliding ISRAEL is
MORE RIGHTEOUS than JUDAH

➤ Righteous: THE ACT OF TRYING TO
DO THE RIGHT THING

➤ The NORTH LOVES their sin, is
happy apart from God and they don't
miss Him one little bit. No church,
no law, no festivals....100% HONEST

➤ Judah, BELIEVING a delusion, that they
are good, righteous and upright.
Revelation 3:16



BOLD QUESTION

- What does my heart look like to God?
- Cultivated relationships depend on honesty.
- How much do I focus on image management
- Is my focus on the outside of the bowl or inside?

BOLD INVITATION TO REPENT



- Vs 12-15
- Israel (N. 10 Tribes) REPENT! TURN BACK!
- Adonai has made a way for your return through the New Covenant His blood!
- Acknowledge your GUILT! Go back to the points of rupture, Psalm 51
- God is clear on how He was wounded, pierced, by their abandonment, promiscuousness with strangers, not listening
- All invited, all are welcome, few will accept
- THAT day is coming..... Jeremiah 31

BOLD HOPE

➤ Verses 16-18

➤ Those days will be increase in population like it was in Egypt

➤ All nations in ECHAD - complex unity. All Israel together in Jerusalem and the nations, Every knee will bow!

➤ They will say Baruch Haba B'Shem Adonai, their hearts soft once more

➤ *Did any respond?* Not that there is written history of. Jeremiah pleads with them like Jeremiah 31, Romans 11 can start NOW, be the first fruits of those who come back!

➤ Come BACK! A heritage awaits!



PROPHET



- A true prophet calls people to repentance to bind themselves to God in all humility
- A false prophet is charismatic looking to bind people to themselves and their own rules and doctrine
- A true prophet is building a kingdom of hearts, the kingdom of God, they look rough maybe, and it seems they are just out to destroy sometimes but it's always about building in the end under King Messiah Yeshua
- A false prophet is building his own kingdom of houses, cars, buildings, image, platform, followers and power
- A true prophet wants people to rely on God and HIS Word not their own
- A false prophet wants people to depend on them for information



BOLD LAMENT

- Verses 19-20: Invitation to hear the heart of God
- This is the **OPPOSITE** of pretense
- I thought I would like to...
- The **SADNESS** that the “picket fence” dream is one sided

BOLD LAMENT



- We like the joy of the Lord is my strength... not meaning to, we may balk at lament as a lack of faith
- What if lament was honoring to how Adonai Elohim created us?
- The depth of sadness and grief is inversely correlated to the height of joy
- TO be human is to experience sadness, (Phil 2, Jesus was God with skin on) He UNDERSTANDS the feeling!
- IN our sad, we want to know there is someone who understands the ache even if the causes are different



Grief does not obey your plans, or your wishes. Grief will do whatever it wants to you, whenever it wants to. In that regard, Grief has a lot in comon with Love.

Elizabeth Gilbert

BOLD LAMENT



- BOLD LOVE includes BOLD GRIEF
- Can you sense the grieving loss at which God is feeling, the loss of the dream walking through this life with His Chosen Israel?
- Grieving the loss of the happy bride and groom, a gaping wound in its place
- Watching for THAT DAY (Watcher)
- God is verbalizing and yearning for WHOLENESS of heart and people
- We hate verbalizing longing and loss we often think this verbalizing is weakness and lack of faith
- God refuses to ignore His present grief and this grief is another way to connect with mankind



Lament Selah

סְלָה

- God honors grief through lament
- God is honest about it, and does not ignore His grief or shove it down, neither did Jesus
- God does not reframe or apologize for His grief
- By sharing these verses, He invites us to sit with Him in His grief, and not try to fix it because there is no Christian meme to cover it
- We do NOT lament well if at all. David lamented 65 times in Psalms.
- God is NOT displeased with lament He is displeased with PRETENSE
- Lament is HONEST



BOLD HONESTY

- To be sad is human, to lament is to reflect the heart of God
- Lament is a prayer of grief that leads to trust.
- Hope is found IN the lament
- God names it, I thought you would follow and call me My Father, I would be your God and you My people.

BOLD LAMENT



- Realize your betrayal!
- For betrayal to be experienced there must have been trust at some point, Betrayal is a violation of trust
- God is showing His heart, this is **VULNERABILITY** on God's part because we may not accept that we harmed Him at all, and we are called to vulnerability in owning that harm in **REPENTANCE**

BOLD REPENTANCE



- Verses 21-25
- Mercy in the midst of Judgement
- Template for us to hear what and how to repent. What emotion, words, and action are requested, what we have done
- Do we have it in us to bend the knee, or are we in too deep and will stick w our brazen stand



BOLD REPENTANCE

- Cry for Mercy (21)
- Be specific on where it happened and what exactly happened there (we can deny it all we want but hint, God already knows)
- **HONESTY**, Mortification for the truth of what we have become
- Take responsibility for our idolatry
- We have perverted - Av-Aw: distorted, justified, deceived



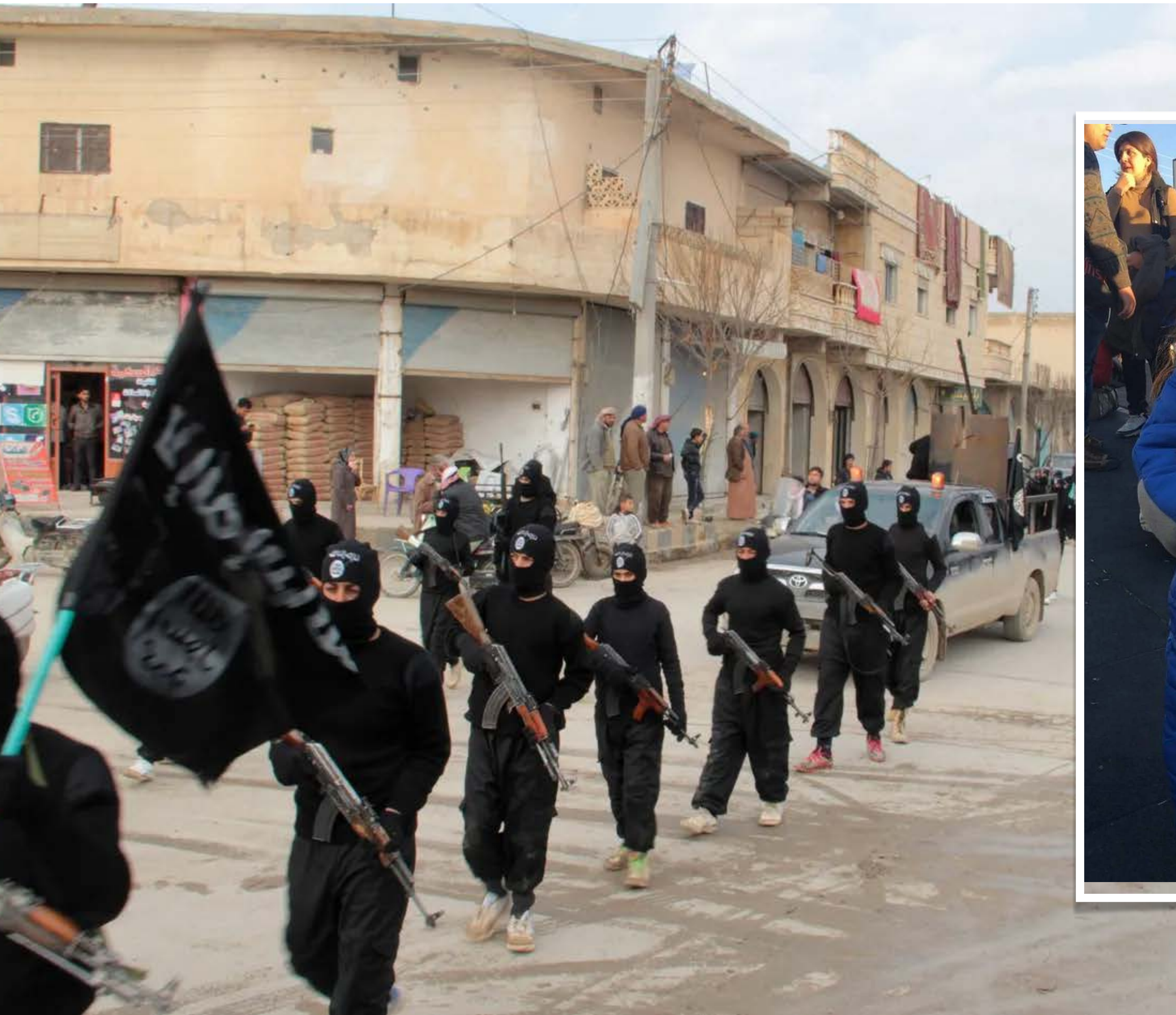
BOLD VUNERABILITY

- Be vulnerable: which is an EMOTION
- Vulnerable: the feeling of uncertainty, risk, exposure without the armor of defensiveness
- EVERYTHING we have built with our hands goes on the line with an open hand to a HOLY GOD, the WHAT we replaced the WHO with
- We MUST let go of the dust
- Vulnerability is COURAGE yet many of us would define it as weakness so we don't have to embrace it
- 24. Idolatry is all we have known since our youth losing it is terrifying (HONEST)

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- Vulnerability is NO SAFETY NET
- Realize we are covered in Shame even in the midst of all our “good” acts (25)
- We have sinned. No excuses no flipping the table, no denying, no justifying. We pierced the heart of God
- Admit to the betrayal of relationship(25)
- Admit to only hearing God’s Word in the way we wanted to hear, and not the truth of it to convict our hearts to keep following.
- What if Israel heard the Word of God, and allowed it to pierce their hearts to the point of repentance... what would the next chapter have looked like?



Breaking Cover

HOMework:

ANY VERSES

JEREMIAH 4