

# Nevertheless

## Luke 22:39-47 (text verse 42)

- I. Salvation of mankind hung in the balances
  - a. Physical pressure and pain
  - b. Pivotal point in Plan of Redemption
  - c. He could have called 10,000 angels!!
  - d. Liberty from Sin through Christ – II Corinthians 3:14-18
- II. Have you had a Nevertheless moment?
  - a. When you think you know the answer  
Peter – Luke 5:4-6
  - b. In spite of difficulties – Paul II Timothy 1:12
    - i. Life not turned out like plan, Nevertheless...
    - ii. I've been hurt by someone I love, Nevertheless...
    - iii. I've been diagnosed, Nevertheless...
  - c. Dead to self – Nevertheless, Alive with Him – Gal. 2:20

# Discouraged, Nevertheless, I will remain Faithful – Jeremiah

*Text: Jeremiah 26:1-15*

- I. Feelings of Inadequacy (1:4-10)
- II. Conspired against by even family (11:18-23) 12:6
  - a. Questions God's dealings (12:1-3)
  - b. God calls him out (12:5-6)
- III. Jeremiah is persecuted
  - a. Preaches God's message (chapters 18,19)
  - b. Persecuted (20:1-2)
- IV. Jeremiah is discouraged
  - a. A 'deceptive' call (20:7)
  - b. Thinks of giving up the ministry (20:8-9)
  - c. Bemoans life (20:14-18)
- V. Jeremiah remains Faithful (26:1-24)

Nevertheless – I don't want to.

## Jonah

- I. God specifically called
  - a. He called Jonah the person
  - b. He gave Jonah the message
  - c. He told Jonah the recipient
- II. Jonah attempts to flee from God
  - a. Jonah heads to Tarshish
  - b. Jonah neglects the message and the people
- III. God does not forget Jonah
  - a. The storm
  - b. Jonah's statements
    - i. "I fear God"
    - ii. "I fled"
    - iii. "cast me forth"
    - iv. Note: God was still glorified
- IV. The Great Fish

# Nevertheless - Joseph

Falsely Accused and Forgotten – Nevertheless – I will not seek revenge. Joseph

Genesis 37:

- I. Joseph hated by his brothers (37:4)
  - a. Favoritism by his father (37:4)
  - b. Dreams from God (37:5,9)
  - c. Attempt to murder him (37:18)
- II. Joseph sold into slavery (37:28)
  - a. Father believes him dead (37:32-34)
  - b. Sold by Ishmeelites at auction in Egypt (37:36)
- III. Joseph framed by employer & imprisoned
  - a. Attempt to be moral and pure (39:7-8)
  - b. Sought by Potiphar's wife
  - c. Runs from sin – but accused (39:12-14)
- IV. Joseph forgotten by the butler
  - a. Responsible in the prison (39:22)
  - b. Foretells dreams of Butler and Baker (chap. 40)
- V. Joseph becomes powerful
  - a. Foretells dream of Pharaoh (41:14)

***Nevertheless – I will take a stand...***

**3 Hebrew Children, Daniel, Noah, Nehemiah**

**Daniel 3:1-18**

- I. Literally standing alone – Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
  - A. King's obvious reaction to dream in Chapter 2
  - B. Would have been easy to just kneel
  - C. Faith in God profound (no support system in Babylon)
- II. A personal vendetta – Daniel (chp. 6)
  - A. Political power play – coup against just Daniel
  - B. Daniel's consistent prayer life – even enemies knew
- III. No one will even listen – Noah (Gen. 6,7)
  - A. Decades building ark
  - B. No one else believed and got on board
- IV. My enemies are growing – Nehemiah (chp 4)
  - A. Mocked by detractors
  - B. They got more friends to come up against him
  - C. Nehemiah remained consistent