



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

**We are Family:
Where you are free to be yourself
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Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. 33 "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

1. What was your favorite story to read or hear when you were growing up?
2. What is a goal you had that no matter how hard you tried, you were never able to accomplish?
3. What are things about which you are tempted to think, "If I accomplish this, then God will be happy with me"? While will that always leave you feeling "not good enough"?
4. Page through the book of Jeremiah, looking for themes and things that occur over and over. If you were in God's shoes, how would you have reacted?
5. As you consider what God's children had done throughout the book of Jeremiah, how would you characterize the Father's dealing with them?
6. On what was the Old covenant based on? See Jeremiah 11:1-5
On what is the New covenant based? See Jeremiah 31:31-34
How does Jesus pick up the theme of the New Covenant? See Luke 22:20
7. Consider this thought: an all-knowing God assures you that he does not remember your sins. What does that make you free to do?
8. "You are free to be yourself." How does that phrase usually get used in the world? How can we understand that phrase correctly in God's family?