

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: January 15, 2020**  
**Jeremiah 16:1-18**

1. What instruction does God give Jeremiah and Israel in 16:1-4? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Are these commands a punishment and limitation or a protection? \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you follow this kind of instruction? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Verse 5 shows the Lord giving Jeremiah this command: “Do not enter a house where there is a funeral meal; do not go to mourn or show sympathy, because I have withdrawn my blessing, my love and my pity from this people.” Does it seem possible that God could withdraw these things from us? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. If you believed that it was possible for God to do this, would it change how you live?  
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5. Are the instructions and conditions in this text binding for everyone forever or just in this situation? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Under what conditions would a person put “family-building” on hold and not mourn the dead or comfort others who are mourning? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Are these instructions, then, just a more flowery or descriptive way of describing what is going to happen to them? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. How does God anticipate the people to respond to this word, according to verse 10? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. How does God answer them in verses 11-13?
  - a. It is because your ancestors forsook me and followed other gods and served and worshiped them. They forsook me and did not keep my law.
  - b. But you behaved more wickedly than your ancestors. See how all of you are following the stubbornness of your evil hearts instead of obeying me.
  - c. So, I will throw you out of this land...where you can serve other gods like they do...my promised land was part of the covenant with those who chose to serve me!
10. What is the promise in verses 14-15 that comes along with the destruction and captivity that is being prophesied?
  - a. God will bring Israel “out of the land of the north” where they will be taken in captivity, just as he brought them out of Egypt.
  - b. God always finds a remnant who remain faithful in order to rebuild a people that he can call His people.
  - c. God will work again in Israel the way he did before and people will know that he is the living and true God and they will turn to Him and have faith in Him rather than the idols who were unable to save them.