



WEDNESDAYS *In the Word* WITH
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Then Why?

Then why do these people stay on their self-destructive path?

Jeremiah 8:5

God asks a question and gives an answer

- They cling tightly to their lies (V5)
- will not turn around. (V5)
- don't hear a word of truth. (V6)
- Is anyone sorry for doing wrong? (V6)
- They do not know the LORD's laws. (V7)

We could ask the same question of ourselves, of others that we know who once followed the Lord, but now do not. "Then why won't we, they turn back to God."

Like the Israelites we stay in the "then why" places:

- Cling to lies
- Stubborn and refuse to turn back to God
- Won't listen to truth when we hear it
- Unrepentant
- Ignorant of the Word

More reasons for staying in the "then way" places:

- It's easier to stay than do to do the hard work necessary to once again be close to Christ.
- It's comfortable and we know how to do life in there.
- It's familiar, the turn back is unknown, and the unknown is scary.
- It's a place where shame and unworthiness fit, and the belief of anything else seems impossible.

If you return to the Almighty, you will be restored... NASB

Job 22:23

Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.

James 4:8