

SERMON NOTE

"Will it thrive?"

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These three questions (in Ezekiel 17:9, 10, 15), force our minds to deeply consider the dangers of seeking success in life while blatantly disregarding God's will for our lives—especially when God has gone to great lengths to clearly reveal what His will is.

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TWO EAGLES & A VINE

(EZEKIEL 17:1-24)



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KEY LESSONS WE LEARN

- I) If you want to be <u>SUCCESSFUL</u>, stick to God's plan (Jer 27:1-22).
 - A) <u>STAY WITH GOD'S PLAN</u>, no matter what (**Jer** 29:4-10; **Eze** 17:1-15a).
 - B) I must keep in mind that God...
 - 1) Always has <u>A PLAN</u> (**Jer** 29:11-14; **Rom** 8:28).
 - 2) Knows the <u>END</u> from the <u>BEGINNING</u> (**Isa** 46:3-10).
 - 3) It's more so about the journey, than the destination (**Heb** 3-4).
- II) God will hold us accountable for our oaths (Eze 17:15-21).
 - A) Making an oath to God was not a <u>REQIUERMENT</u> under the law of Moses. However, if one did make an oath, he or she was required to <u>PERORM ALL</u> (**Num** 30:1-2).
 - B) The seriousness of oaths (2 Chr 36:11-13; Eccl 5:4-6).
 - C) God takes our words seriously (2 Kgs 25:6-7; Mat 12:36-37).
- III) WE THRIVE only when we rely on God's plan (Eze 17:22-24).