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EQUIPPING

*The whole land will
be utterly laid waste
unless there is
someone who
CARES.*

(Jeremiah 12:11)

**WHO
CARES**



(Jeremiah 12:1-4) “Lord, I am struggling”

- **confusion**
- **anger**

(Jeremiah 12:5) “You don’t know the ending and you aren’t trusting me”

- Need to grow in **understanding**
- Need to grow in **faith**

ANALOGY ... a race
(opponents and terrain)

POINT: You are trying to live in an imaginary world while you actually live in the real world. You have no long term perspective. You think the current situation is permanent. It is not!(12:14)

Implication: **Strong** faith can **handle**
horses and thickets!

Implication: You should not have
to be coddled or protected in
order to keep your faith!

Some churches major in worship
(Emotion = Success)

Some churches major in belief
(Doctrine = Success)

O.U.B. = •**C**onnecting •**A**ffirming
•**R**eaching •**EQUIPPING** •**S**ending

Impart an **awareness** and
knowledge of God

Create a **thirst** and **passion** for
God which **exceeds** “information”

Build a **strength** and **conviction**
which **survives** trials

Cultivate a **power** and **poise**
which **handles** persecution

Model a **commitment** and **longevity**
which **transcends** disappointments

Generate a **desire** and **delight**
in **servicing** others

Instill a **confidence** and **maturity**
which **flourishes** without “help”

A church equips a Christian in their Christian faith by **teaching** and **motivating** them to “do it themselves”.

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