“This infallible assurance does not so belong to the essence of faith, but that a true believer may wait long, and conflict with many difficulties, before he be partaker of it . . .”

(Westminster Confession of Faith 18.3a)

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**AN OUTLINE FOR TODAY’S SERMON**

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**THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM**

Jeremiah 40:7-12

I. Doctrine: Interludes of ____________ sometimes Portend More Trouble (ahead)

A. –This fact ________________ us Not to Trust in Man, (Jer. 17:5)

B. –This reality should Not Discourage our ____________ in God, (Jn. 16:33)

II. Characteristics of “___________” Peace, vv. 7-12

A. –______________ People are Joined to it, vv. 7-8

B. –___________ Counsel is Not Always Followed, vv. 9-10

C. –_____________ Motivation accompanies it, vv. 11-12

III. ________________ Perspectives on Dealing with People (sinners)

A. –______________ Give Authorities the “Benefit of the doubt,” (Rom. 13:1-2)

B. –______________ Give Rebels the “Time of day,” (1 Sam. 15:23a)

**Key Verse**—v. 9: “And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, took an oath before them and their men, saying, ‘Do not be afraid to serve the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.’”

**NOTES & APPLICATIONS:**

Aim: To Learn to Comply with Christ, not Sin—in life’s difficult circumstances