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**Idol of Control –** *Jeremiah 17:1-10*

*We don’t know what tomorrow’s going to bring, but we know the One who holds the future.*

I. Introduction

1. Control – “the power to influence or direct people’s behavior or the course of events”
2. Promise – the outcome depends on me
3. Curse – I can’t trust anyone else with the outcome

II. Jeremiah 17:1-4 – The Stage

1. Idolatry corrupted their faith
2. Idolatry corrupted their sexuality
3. Idolatry compromised their wealth

III. Jeremiah 17:5-8 – The Issue

1. Cursed
   1. Characteristics
      1. Trusts in mankind
      2. Makes flesh his strength
      3. Turns heart from the LORD
   2. Fruits
      1. Lonely
      2. Empty
      3. Blind
2. Blessed
   1. Characteristics
      1. Trusts in the LORD
      2. Confidence is the LORD
   2. Fruits
      1. Nourished
      2. Courageous
      3. Fruit bearing
      4. At peace

IV. Jeremiah 17:9-10 – The Answer

1. Look at our heart through His reality
2. Grow your roots deep

V. Conclusion

1. We go to the Bible for relationship
2. How can you add depth to your relationship with God during this season?