Bird's Eye View:
Week 2: They're So Grounded

I. Introduction:

- **Welcome to Tab!**
  - **Acknowledge the start of the school year and express prayers for students, teachers, and administrators.**
  - **Emphasize the importance of sharing God's story from Norfolk to the nations, beginning on campuses and in workplaces.**
- **Introduction of Pastor Craig**
  - **Brief self-introduction, especially for new attendees and online viewers.**
  - **Share a humorous and personal story from teenage years about being grounded to segue into the sermon's theme.**

Personal Story:

- **The Sneaky Teenager:**
  - **Narrate the story of sneaking out while grounded and how Pastor Craig's father set a loving trap with a mop and bucket.**
  - **Draw parallels to how God disciplines His people for their good.**

Scripture Focus:

- **Jeremiah 27-28 Overview:**
  - **God's people are "grounded" and placed in a timeout, with Babylon as the instrument of discipline.**
  - **Emphasize that God's discipline is motivated by love, aiming to bring His people back to Him.**
  - **Highlight Jeremiah 26:3 as the key verse about God's purpose in discipline.**

Historical Context:

- **Timeline and Context:**
  - **Events from 609 B.C. (Jeremiah's temple speech) to 597-593 B.C. (Babylonian invasion and exile).**
  - **Explain the transfer of power, the exile of Judah's leadership, and the desecration of the temple.**
  - **God's patience and sovereignty over time and nations.**

Jeremiah's Message:

- **The Yoke of Submission:**
  - **Jeremiah's symbolic act of wearing a yoke to illustrate submission to God's will.**
  - **The importance of not fighting against God's discipline and submitting to His sovereign plan.**

Application:

- **Personal Reflection:**
  - **Encourage the congregation to consider areas where they might be resisting God's will.**
  - **The futility of fighting against God's plans and the peace that comes from submission.**
- **God's Sovereignty:**
  - **Reassure that God's authority extends over all creation, and His discipline is always purposeful.**
  - **Remind that God's plans are ultimately for our good, even when it involves correction.**

Warnings Against False Prophets:

- **Jeremiah's Warning:**
    - **Caution against listening to voices that avoid addressing sin and focus solely on "getting back what's ours."**
    - **True prophets will speak truthfully about sin and repentance.**

God's Final Word:

- **Hope in Discipline:**
    - **Despite the destruction of the temple, God promises restoration (Jeremiah 27:21-22).**
    - **Emphasize that God's discipline is never without hope and a future promise of restoration.**

Conclusion:

- **Transition to Next Week:**
    - **Preview next week's message on Jeremiah 29, highlighting the hope and future God promises.**
    - **Reiterate the theme of trusting in God's bird's eye view, knowing He has the final word and ultimate control.**
- **Closing Prayer:**
    - **Lead the congregation in a prayer of submission to God's will, trusting in His discipline and promises.**