

E2E - Part 104

Jeremiah

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1. The book of Jeremiah describes how God works in the world.
2. In Jeremiah's time, spiritual apostasy is rampant. The task God gives Jeremiah is to try and call back these very people as a last voice of reason before disaster strikes.
3. Things started well for Jeremiah because King Josiah was righteous, and the people responded positively to a call to return to God. After Josiah's death, a wicked king takes the throne, and things quickly worsen.
4. Judah falls prey to deception from pagan religions and false prophets.
5. King Jehoiakim resists God's Word so strongly that he literally burns the scrolls of Jeremiah's prophecies. He was unafraid and no longer feared God.
6. In Biblical history, moments like this mark a "point of no return." God's patience is gone and Jeremiah's role shifts to warning that judgment is certain.
7. God gives Jeremiah an assignment he did not want. For his devotion to God, he is rejected, hated, and persecuted by those he's most anxious to help.
8. Before Jeremiah dies, God allows him to deliver the good news that He will establish a new covenant.

GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

QUOTES

"It may not be on the mountain's height
Or over the stormy sea,
It may not be at the battle's front
My Lord will have need of me..."

"I'll go where You want me to go, dear Lord,
O'er mountain or plain or sea;
I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord,
I'll be what You want me to be."

- Excerpts from "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go" (Mary Brown, 1899)

TODAY'S WORSHIP

How Deep the Father's Love for Us
I Can't Get Enough
Holy Forever
Taste and See

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Jeremiah was called as a teenager into a really tough assignment from God. Think about a time when you felt called into something you didn't exactly sign up for? What helped you stay faithful, or what made it harder to stay faithful?

In chapter 3, we're told that Judah didn't return to God "with their whole heart." What does half-hearted faith look like today?

The King literally burned God's Word because he didn't want to hear it (chapter 36). What are subtler ways people "burn the scroll" today? (Maybe ignoring, re-interpreting, deconstructing, etc.) Gut check: Are you tempted to do the same? If so, where?

Jeremiah's obedience didn't make life easier. Actually, it made it worse. How do we push past the idea that obeying God should be rewarded quickly, visibly, or publicly?

In Jeremiah 31, God promises a new covenant. This new covenant will be written on our hearts. What's one way following Jesus today is different from simply following a set of "religious rules?" How have you personally experienced the difference?

The hymn lyric says, "I'll go where You want me to go." If you sang those lyrics today, what place or situation would make you nervous? What holds you back from saying, "I'll be what You want me to be" without conditions?