

**Jeremiah 20:7-15**

**Background**

- This is after Jeremiah had faithfully proclaimed God's Word
- He had received nothing in return but persecution and sorrow
- Purshhur the Priest had him beaten and put in jail for preaching the Truth

# The Truth sometimes stings, but our reaction to Truth shows what we are made of.

# The best thing to do is to take the Truth humbly to Heart and let it change us.

## **RISE ABOVE DISCOURAGEMENT**

### **1. Jeremiah was concerned about his preaching - v8**

- He said his proclaiming violence and destruction
  - The Word of God has brought him insult and reproach. (shame and disgrace)
  - The word of God cost him much pain and humiliation
- # We don't preach the Gospel for popularity  
# Remember its always about Christ even Him Crucified

### **2. Jeremiah is making an introspection. Why this kind of preaching? Vs 9.**

- He says even if he doesn't want to preach anymore or mention God's name anymore

But he is overpowered by God

He says God's word is in his Heart like a Fire

A fire shut in his bones

- He says the word pressed against his very being

# We need to preach the word in season and out of season

### **3. The results of his preaching** Vs 10.

- Its terror every side
  - People denounce him
  - All his friends are waiting for him to slip
- # Remember Jesus suffered in the hands of His disciples

### **4. This is how he responds to all that had happened to him** - Vs 11.

- But the Lord is with me like a mighty warrior.
- This means God is not just present with him but also actively and powerfully
- This means he is sure about God's support and defence
- Jeremiah is Certain about Victory
  - He is sure about God's Presence and Protection
- # The power of Faith is an ability to endure pain

## **CONCLUSION**

### **WHAT I HAVE LEARNT:**

Vs 12. Jeremiah's prayer: the prayer of Lament

- For to you I have committed my cause

It's a prayer of Faith and Hope

A prayer that reminds us of our human vulnerability and God's Sovereignty.

# Jesus once prayed this kind of prayer:

Mark 14 vs 36

"Abba, Father He said", "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not I what I will, but what you will."