

DARE TO LEAD

“JEREMIAH: The Faithful Leader”

We are ALL leaders. We all lead SOMETHING or SOMEONE.

*⁷ You tricked me, Lord, and I was tricked. You overpowered me and won. People make fun of me all day long. Everyone laughs at me. ⁸ Every time I speak, I cry out. All you ever tell me to talk about is fighting and trouble. Your message has brought me nothing but dishonor. It has made me suffer shame all day long. ⁹ Sometimes I think, “I won’t talk about his message anymore. I’ll never speak in his name again.” **But then your message burns in my heart.** It’s like a fire deep inside my bones. I’m tired of holding it in.*

Jeremiah 20:7-9 (NIRV)

*¹⁸ **Why then does my suffering continue?** Why is my wound so incurable? Your help seems as uncertain as a seasonal brook, like a spring that has gone dry.”*

Jeremiah 15:18 (NLT)

*¹⁹ This is how the Lord responds: “If you return to me, **I will restore you so you can continue to serve me.** If you speak good words rather than worthless ones, you will be my spokesman. **You must influence them; do not let them influence you!** Jeremiah 15:19 (NLT)*

JEREMIAH FOUND HIS FAITHFULNESS IN THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD!

*¹³ **If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful,** for he cannot deny who he is. 2 Timothy 2:13 (NLT)*

THROUGH JEREMIAH’S LIFE, WE LEARN NOTHING CAN STOP GOD’S PURPOSE FOR OURS!

*¹¹ **For I know the plans I have for you,”** declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)*

³¹ *“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.”* **Jeremiah 31:31 (NIV)**