

RUN WITH THE HORSES

Jeremiah Series Guide
Part 6



WEEK 6

Sermon Notes:

When the priest Pashhur son of Immer, the official in charge of the temple of the Lord, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things, 2 he had Jeremiah the prophet beaten and put in the stocks at the Upper Gate of Benjamin at the Lord's temple. 3 The next day, when Pashhur released him from the stocks, Jeremiah said to him, "The Lord's name for you is not Pashhur, but Terror on Every Side.

Jeremiah 20:1-3

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

John 15: 1-2

But the pot he was shaping from the clay was **marred** in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

Jeremiah 18:4

Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while— 9 yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. 10 Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

2 Corinthians 7:8-10

God shapes us: will we yield

God remakes: will we repent

Commentary

“Go to the potter’s house.” Go to the shoemaker’s shop. Go to the butcher’s stall. Go to the grocer’s stand. Go where the necessary, every day is taking place. In our community, he would have sent his prophet to the gas station. In seventh-century Israel, the potter’s house was a fixture in every community. The potter was a craftsman, the location of whose house everyone knew, whose activity was familiar to everyone, whose work was necessary for the maintenance of everyday life.”

Eugene Peterson, Run With The Horses, (Illinois: Intervarsity Press, 2009), p. 72-73

“Do you realize how significant pottery is? Pottery is artistically shaped, designed, painted, glazed, and fired. It is one of the most functional items in life; it is also one of the most beautiful.”

Eugene Peterson, Run With The Horses, (Illinois: Intervarsity Press, 2009), p. 73 & 74

And then the pot was spoiled: “the pot the potter was working on turned out badly.” Jeremiah knew all about that. He knew about spoiled vessels - men and women with impurities and blemishes that resist the shaping hand of the creator. Jeremiah continued to observe. What would the potter do now? The potter would simply start over and use the same clay to make another pot.

Eugene Peterson, Run With The Horses, (Illinois: Intervarsity Press, 2009), p.75-76

Hope and warning join hands in this message: “In the same way that this potter works his clay, I work on you, people of Israel” (Jer 18:6)

Eugene Peterson, Run With The Horses, (Illinois: Intervarsity Press, 2009), p. 76.

Small Group Guide

This section is to be used to turn the message into a small group. Gather up some people, find a space to meet, and use this as a guide.

Connect with each other, introduce yourself and share a bit about who you are. Each week you are together, go a little deeper and more personal. Everyone wants to belong somewhere.

Summarize. Take turns summarizing the message in your own words. allow everyone to participate in summarizing the message. Not a personal application yet, just take turns summarizing the message and build it in its entirety. Make sure you as a small group leader are filling any gaps; the main point, scripture, and the end of the message.

Personal. This section will allow you to go deeper and be sensitive to God's activity in people's lives. Ask questions and facilitate conversation as it pertains to the message of Jeremiah.

What did you get out of the message and why?

Go over the main scriptures from the message.

How will this influence your soul (mind, will, heart, emotions), your work, and your life?

Application. Take this time to ask what everyone will be doing with what they heard from the message.

What will you do with what you heard?

What is God asking you to be or do from what you heard?

Pray. Take some time to pray with each other.

Jeremiah Reading Plan:

Join our entire church family in reading through the book of Jeremiah together.

Read Jeremiah Chapters 26-30



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