



SERIES: MAY- JULY: THE MAIN THING

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Scripture: Jeremiah

TITLE – Jeremiah – Turn and Walk

Shocked. That was my reaction when I learned the advice a mother gave the judge on the sentencing day of her son. The son was convicted on federal charges of multiple charges. When the judge asked, “Is there anything I should know before I deliver his sentence?” The mother stood up and said, “Your honor, I’m his mother. I want you to give him the right judgment so that he turns back to Jesus.”

That is a request I don’t know if I could deliver. But she did because it is what was needed for repentance. This is a picture of the book of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah is a book about the nation of Judah that had backslidden. They were in rebellion against God. Jeremiah had a necessary message of repentance and judgment, but they didn’t want to hear it. It broke Jeremiah’s heart because it broke God’s heart. But Jeremiah was faithful to the message, though unpopular. Jeremiah should be studied because his experience will likely be ours if we stand with Christ and follow His call. Jeremiah was unpopular and alone, but he was found successful in God’s eyes because He was obedient.

If you, a child, a friend, a family member, or whoever has rejected God, accept and share whatever it is God will use to bring you back into a life-changing and life-giving relationship with Him. His judgment is right and effective when we receive it.

Jeremiah prophesied to the people of Judah, the southern Kingdom. His ministry was from 627-580 B.C.

Is Christ found in the book of Jeremiah? Absolutely. Jeremiah 23:5-6 (CSB) says,

“Look, the days are coming”—this is the LORD’s declaration—“when I will raise up a Righteous Branch for David. He will reign wisely as king and administer justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. This is the name he will be called: The LORD Is Our Righteousness.”

And truly, Jesus is our substitute who imparts His righteousness on us.

What’s the main thing about Jeremiah? Turn and walk. When you look at Jeremiah, you find the condition of the human heart, the tender and encouraging grace of God, and His unending love. It’s the power of repentance – that turning from your sin and walking with God.

In fact, this is what God told His people in Jeremiah 31:3, “I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have continued to extend faithful love to you.”

Friend, that person who was sentenced to prison was Christopher Yuan. A once agnostic, drug-dealing homosexual who is now a born-again professor for Moody Bible Institute. His mother’s prayer that day was answered. Imagine what God will do for you when you stay in step with Him and turn back to Him when you wander.

So here’s my challenge for you today: turn and walk. Chances are you’ve turned away from God in one or more areas of life. God disciplines His children to lovingly bring them back to Him. So before it gets worse, turn back to Him and then walk with Him each and every day.

When we turn and walk with our Lord, Savior, and friend, we will win the day.