

Block 1

Lesson 2

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MEN'S GROUP

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Jeremiah and Pashhur - Jeremiah 20:1-18

Open It

What kinds of crises might make a person wish he or she had never been born?

*When was the last time you were bitterly disappointed?

When have you felt as if everyone were just waiting for you to make a mistake?

Explore It

How did the chief officer respond to Jeremiah's prophecy in the temple? (20:1-2)

What unlikely person had Jeremiah beaten? Why? (20:1-2)

What future did Jeremiah foretell for Pashhur and all of Judah? (20:3-6)

*What was Jeremiah's complaint to the Lord? (20:7-8)

Why was Jeremiah upset with God? (20:7-10)

What would happen if Jeremiah tried to stop speaking the word of the Lord? (20:9)

What did Jeremiah hear the people saying about him? (20:10)

*From where did Jeremiah derive consolation for his disappointments? (20:11-13)

What did Jeremiah believe about God's ability to set things straight? (20:11-13)

*What was the basis for Jeremiah's song of praise to God? (20:13)

How had Jeremiah come to feel about life and his presumably joyful entry into it? (20:14-18)

BLOCK 1: LESSON2 – OBEDIENCE

There were days when Jeremiah would have given anything to be someone else because his call was costing him everything. His friends. His reputation. Perhaps even his life, if some people had their way. But the fire he feared most was the one that burned inside of him.

Read Jeremiah 20:7-12

Get It

Why do some people try to silence those who speak God's Word?

How could Jeremiah be so confident that his enemies wouldn't have the final word?

Why is it encouraging to know that no human being can keep the Word of God from going forth?

What would motivate even Jeremiah's friends to try to silence him?

*What value is there in the fact that the Bible records Jeremiah's (and other servants' of God) discouragement?

*What should we do whenever we feel disappointed?

Apply It

What servant of God do you know who is in a period of despair and in need of your words of comfort?

*What injustice is weighing on you which you can turn over to God?

Apply It

How might you present your requests to God so that you invite His best in your life?

OBEDIENCE RELINQUISHES SELF:

Obedience requires an abandonment of self, and a dependence on Christ

OBEDIENCE REQUIRES TRUST:

Obeying God requires a certain level of trust in Him.

OBEDIENCE RESULTS IN BLESSINGS:

(Deut. 28:2,15)

The fruit of obedience is blessings, though the blessings are not always readily apparent.