Fire In Your Heart

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INTRODUCTION

- If you don't have the motivation, you won't do evangelism.
- You and I, like Jeremiah, need to have fire in our heart to proclaim the truth of God's word to others in the face of discouragement.
- It's standing up for Christ and it's reaching out. And so it's our God-given responsibility to do that.

1 Jeremiah's Difficult Situation

Jeremiah 20:1–3

- He told everybody, listen, Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon is going to come, and he is going to take us captive.
- Of course, that wasn't a popular message.
- Thus says the Lord of hosts, even so I will break this people, and this city as one breaks a potter's vessel, which cannot be made whole again.
- Struck Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of the Lord.

2 Jeremiah's Discouragement

Jeremiah 20:7–8; Jeremiah 5:1; Jeremiah 20:11

- Oh, Lord, you induced me. And I was persuaded. You are stronger than I and have prevailed. I am in derision daily. Everyone mocks me.
- Jeremiah did not have a very good atmosphere for evangelism.
- But he came out of this depression by relying upon the Lord for strength.
- If you've got God on your side, that you and God are always a majority.
- We have to be careful. That we not silence ourselves out of fear of what people think or what people will do.

3 Three Discouragement Killers

John 4; Jeremiah 25:3–7; Jeremiah 1:17–19

- First discouragement killer is remember you are a success if you try.
- If you do that with a good heart effort, God is pleased, and you are a success even if they don't accept the living water.
- Second discouragement killer is to remember that rejection, it is not personal.
- So realize, brethren, that they're not rejecting you, they're rejecting God.
- The third, and I think most potent discouragement killer is opposition is expected.

- They will fight against you. But they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, says the Lord, to deliver you.

4 Jeremiah's Determination

Jeremiah 20:9

- But his word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones. I was weary of holding it back, and I could not.
- The type of disciple that Jeremiah was and that we must be, is the type that has something to say and has to say it.
- So there's both passion and desire in the effective evangelist.
- Jeremiah's motivation was based on his deep and abiding love for God, for truth, and for mankind.
- When that is deeply rooted in your heart, and you have a love for God, for truth, and for mankind, nothing will stop you.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Brothers and sisters, beloved, we got to take Christ out of this church building and bring him out into the streets where people can see him. Then they'll be interested.**

MY NOTES