

## Jeremiah Ch 14:-15:6 • “If You Return”

- Introduction Sunday: Okay to have doubts (“An unexamined faith is not worth having”)  
Okay to have doubts IF we take them to God!  
WHEN we go to God, He’s faithful to meet us.
- 14v19-22 3x God has told Jeremiah to stop praying for Judah; praying anyway!  
Jeremiah: “For sake of name / throne / covenant don’t judge!”  
God: “That’s exactly why I MUST judge!”
- 15v1-4 Doesn’t matter who prays how; judgment is certain (and just!)  
God can’t relent and remain who He is!
- 15v5-9 God: who do you think disagrees with Me? Who will mourn Judah?  
YOU have forsaken ME (backslidden repeatedly; not truly repented)  
Where I poured out full blessing I will pour out full judgment.
- 15v10 A lot for Jeremiah to own / express; lashes out in frustration.  
“People hate me; I didn’t do anything wrong!”
- 15v11-12 God: “If it helps, one day they’ll realize you were right!  
Nothing will stop what Jeremiah is prophesying from happening.
- 15v13-15 God says justice is coming; doesn’t really satisfy Jeremiah.  
Jeremiah demands God DO something!
- 15v16 Is Jeremiah commanding? Benefit of doubt maybe pleading?  
Sounds like he’s standing on God’s word...
- 15v16-18 “When I surrendered to You I didn’t think it was going to be like this!”  
I didn’t think I was signing up for loneliness / isolation / rejection!  
“This isn’t right, God, and it’s YOUR fault!”  
You said you would be fountain of living water (Jer 2:13) – You LIED!  
What did God actually promise (Jer 1:17-19)?  
Promised rejection & dishonor AND that He would be w/ him thru it!  
God isn’t living up to Jeremiah’s expectation; IS living up to His word!
- 15v19 God calls Jeremiah to do what Jeremiah calling Judah to do: repent!  
Note that Jeremiah GETS to repent (not cast out or destroyed).
- 15v20-21 If Jeremiah repents, God will keep original promises (cf Jer 1:17-19).  
There WILL be suffering; God WILL be with him!
- Application God’s promises to Jeremiah are His promises to us!  
When we don’t see that, we need to ask (listen) (wait).