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What Are Words For?

Jeremiah 36:1-10

Series: Run with the Horses: Faithful Living in a Fearful World

Central Passage

Jeremiah 36:1–3 (ESV) — *1 In the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 2 "Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah until today. 3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the disaster that I intend to do to them, so that every one may turn from his evil way, and that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin."*

Central Thought: In a world full of words – religious rhetoric, political propaganda and tantalizing tabloids – God is speaking.

The word of God comes to us though...

❖ Nature

Psalm 19:1–2 (ESV) — *1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. 2 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.*

❖ Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV) — *16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

Hebrews 4:12–13 (ESV) — *12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.*

❖ Jesus – as the Word of God and the Light and Life of the world.

John 1:1–5 (ESV) — *1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

Hebrews 1:1–2 (ESV) — *1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.*

Luke 9:35 (ESV) — *35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!"*

Central Question: Is your life being challenged and shaped by God's word, or by something or someone else?