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The messages were not well received

Told to shut up Ridiculed Ignored

Beaten Thrown in a pit

Threaten with death

Arrested multiple times

He will watch the nation fall



The Object Lessons

An Almond Branch and Boiling Pot

Fountain and a Broken Cistern

A Buried Belt – Unused Faith

The Potter's House – Misshaped Faith

The Broken Vessel – Busted Faith

The Basket of Figs – Spoiled/Rotten
Faith



"God you are kidding right?"

"God these people aren't going to listen anyway can't we just skip the theatrics"

"God I've been at this a long time with nothing to show for it"

"God I think I've done enough"

"God I think I've suffered enough"

"God I think I'm done"

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The difference between being called and doing a job

Called means you do until the call ends,
no matter the ending

Called means a delivered message,
not an accepted one

Called means I am doing what I am told
not what I want

Called means I am not focused on
the results or response of others but
on my response to the call



Called to Faith

God is faithful, who has called you
into fellowship with his Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:9

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Called to Faith

For the one who was a slave when called to faith in the Lord is the Lord's freed person; similarly, the one who was free when called is Christ's slave.

1 Corinthians 7:22



Called to Faith

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

1 Timothy 6:12



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Called to Faith

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

Ephesians 4:1

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The Broken Yoke

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Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

Romans 13:1-2



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Make a Yoke

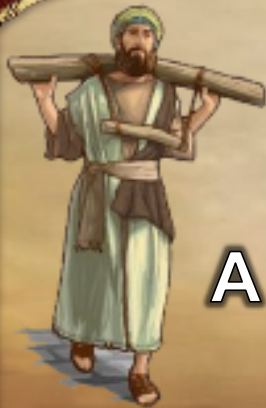
What's a Yoke?

A wooden crosspiece that is fastened over the necks of two animals and attached to the plow or cart that they are to pull

An arched device formerly laid on the neck of a defeated person.

A frame fitted to a person's shoulders to carry a load in two equal portions

A yoke is a symbol of servanthood



Wear the Yoke

Put it on your neck. Then send word to the kings of Edom, Moab, Ammon, Tyre and Sidon through the envoys who have come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah

But do not miss the symbol in what God is saying. Jeremiah was to wear a yoke of his own making

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Important for Us

All us to live sinfully,
even as one of His children,
sin always has
a consequence.



Preach the message people don't want to hear

God starts his message with the idea
that He is in control

Israel's consequence is simple they are
going to be forced to live under
a foreign leader

Again God divides the people
into two camps



CAMP 1 – Those that won't wear the Yoke

They decide not to wear the yoke willingly
They thumb their nose at God
and continue to go their own way

Even in the midst of captivity they keep thinking
I'm special because of a label they wear

God says "I will punish that nation with the
sword, famine and plague,
declares the Lord,
until I destroy it"



CAMP 2 – Those that willing wear the Yoke

They accept responsibility

They live through the consequences

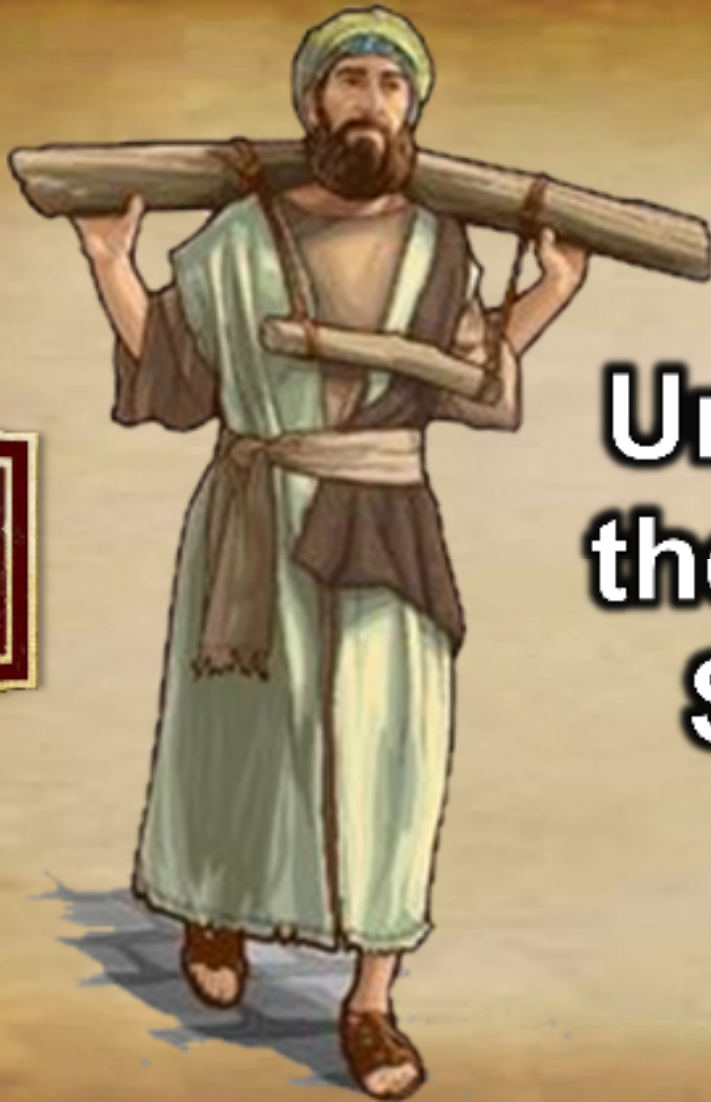
They honor God by living in the world but not of the world

God's promise to them, they will be allowed to live in the land



Understanding the message of Submission

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The Response

(Jeremiah 28:10-13)

Funny the rebellious people continue to rebel

They refuse to submit

They ignore the word of God
to follow their own way

They desire an easy message instead
of an honest evaluation

They attempt to break the yoke
only to find God's will
is God's will





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Redemption begins with Submit