

BOLD LOVE

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a black leather jacket over a dark top, blue jeans, and black boots, is walking down the center aisle of a church. She is holding a large, curved, light-colored horn in her left hand. The church has wooden pews, a polished floor, and two decorated Christmas trees in the background. The title 'BOLD LOVE' is overlaid in large red letters at the top.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE
STUDY IN JEREMIAH**

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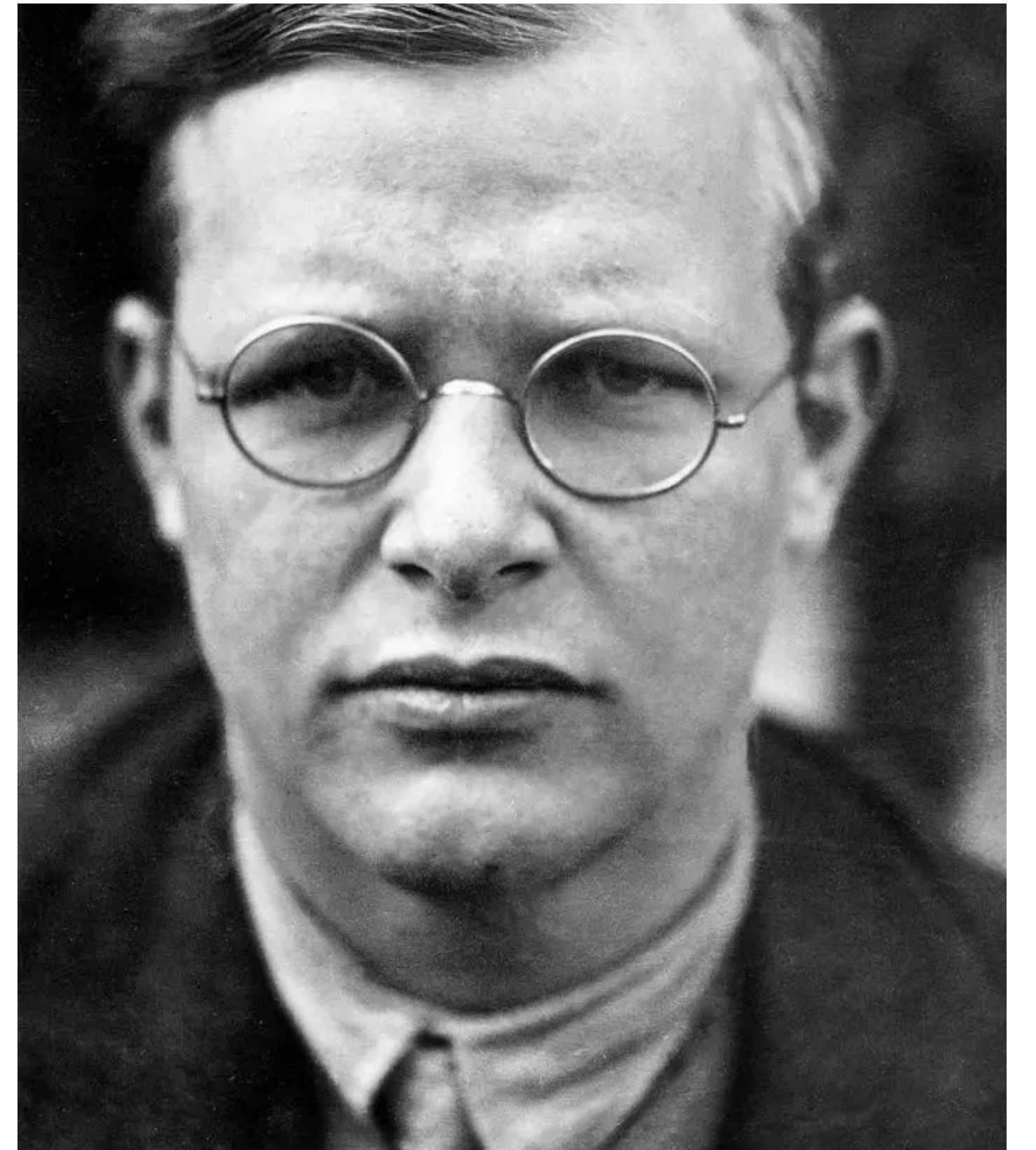
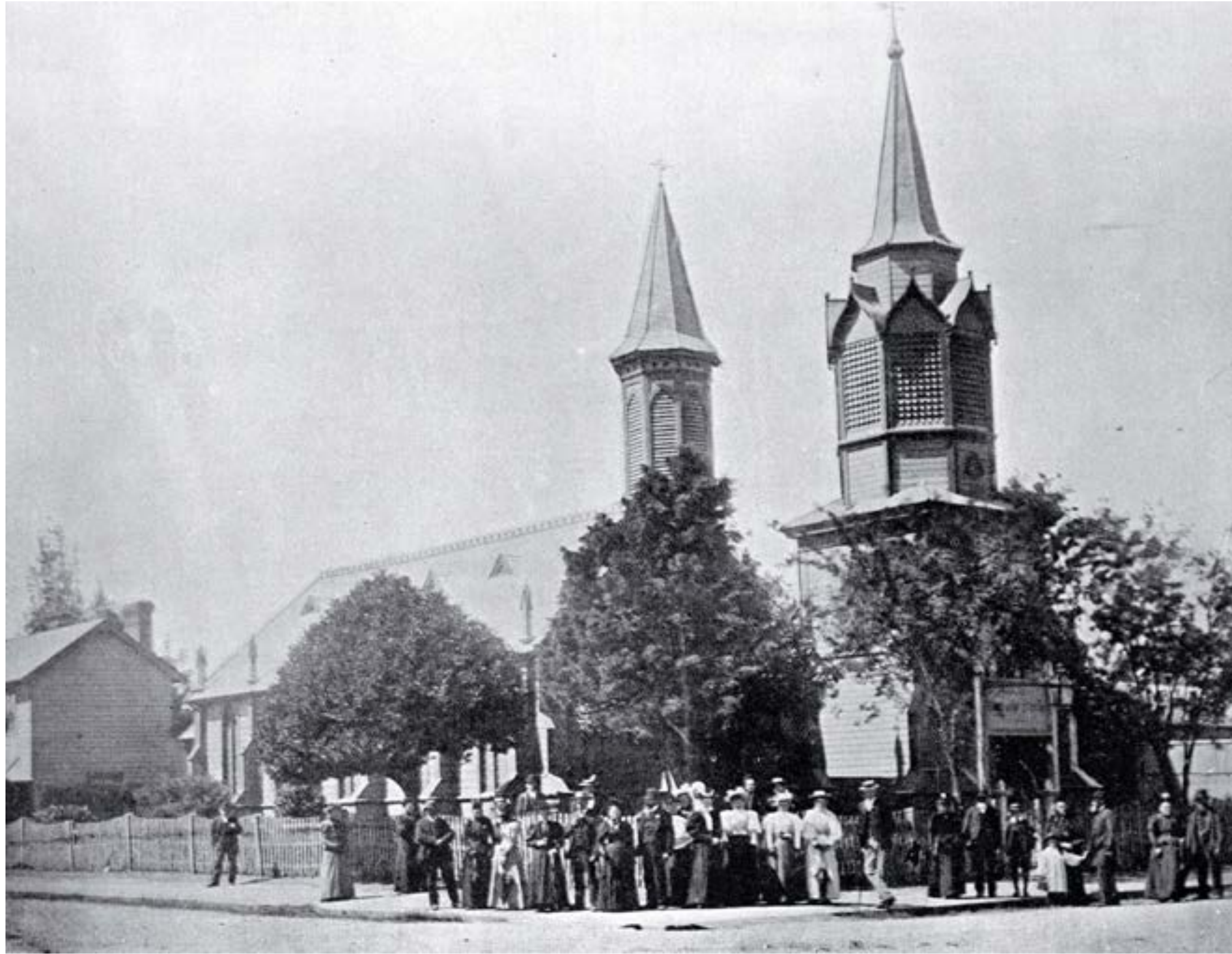
JANUARY 9TH-FEBRUARY 20TH

6:30PM- 8:30PM

HOMEWORK

- The Three Questions:
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- What Does it Say?
- What Does it Mean?
- What Does it Mean to
me?

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Get Up and Get Going
Let Go of Debilitating Encouragements
and Take Hold of Your Next Assignment



A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a white rectangular card. The card has the words "SELF" and "REFLECTION" printed on it in a bold, sans-serif font. "SELF" is in black and "REFLECTION" is in a dark red color. The background is blurred, showing a person in a dark blue shirt.

**SELF
REFLECTION**



REVIEW

- The 10 N Tribes were more righteous in God's Eyes (3:11)
- Righteous: The act of doing the right thing. The RIGHT Thing is HONESTY
- The bar for "ONE Righteous" seems to be pretty low
- Genesis 18: Lot and his family in Sodom and Gomorrah
- Lot was "Righteous" again, a low bar
- God is patient not willing that any perish 2 Peter 3:9
God waits a LONG time in these situations before He acts in Justice, waiting & **LOOKING** for **ANY** to repent
- Do we have ears to hear, and eyes to see truth and repent in **AUTHENTIC** humility not **FAUX**-mility?
- We have been SO RIGHT for SO LONG can God's Word still circumcise our hearts? There was ONE righteous in a PAGAN CITY (Romans 1)



BOLD CHALLENGE

- It's Jerusalem! ROAM the streets!
- Center of all belief! The MOST pious! Knew God's WORD the BEST! Best theological schools! Best preachers!
- Found in the temple DAILY not just on the Sabbath! Prayed the most! Looked so holy and good! Found following the commands (Mitzvot)!
- Jackpot of worshippers!
- Not some rando town!
- Jeremiah was close to home and knew this town and people well.

BOLD CHALLENGE



- Pretense was practiced over relationship
- Center Jerusalem was the center of Josiah's revival, the Book of the Law (Torah) was found, and Jeremiah understood but no one else really embraced God only rules
- Jeremiah found the people just did the "things" to make God happy so He would bless them and not curse them. The people did not understand Deuteronomy 10, 20 and Leviticus 26 circumcise your heart
- It is relationship which sets God's people apart not a bunch of commands to follow
- This RELATIONSHIP is what is to set the Gentile church apart to provoke Israel to repentance.
- Jeremiah may have thought this search would be easy to find at least one person actively walking with God

BOLD PARAMETERS

➤ Vs 1

➤ Find someone who is living by Micah 6:8 (NOT PRETENDING TO LIVE THIS)

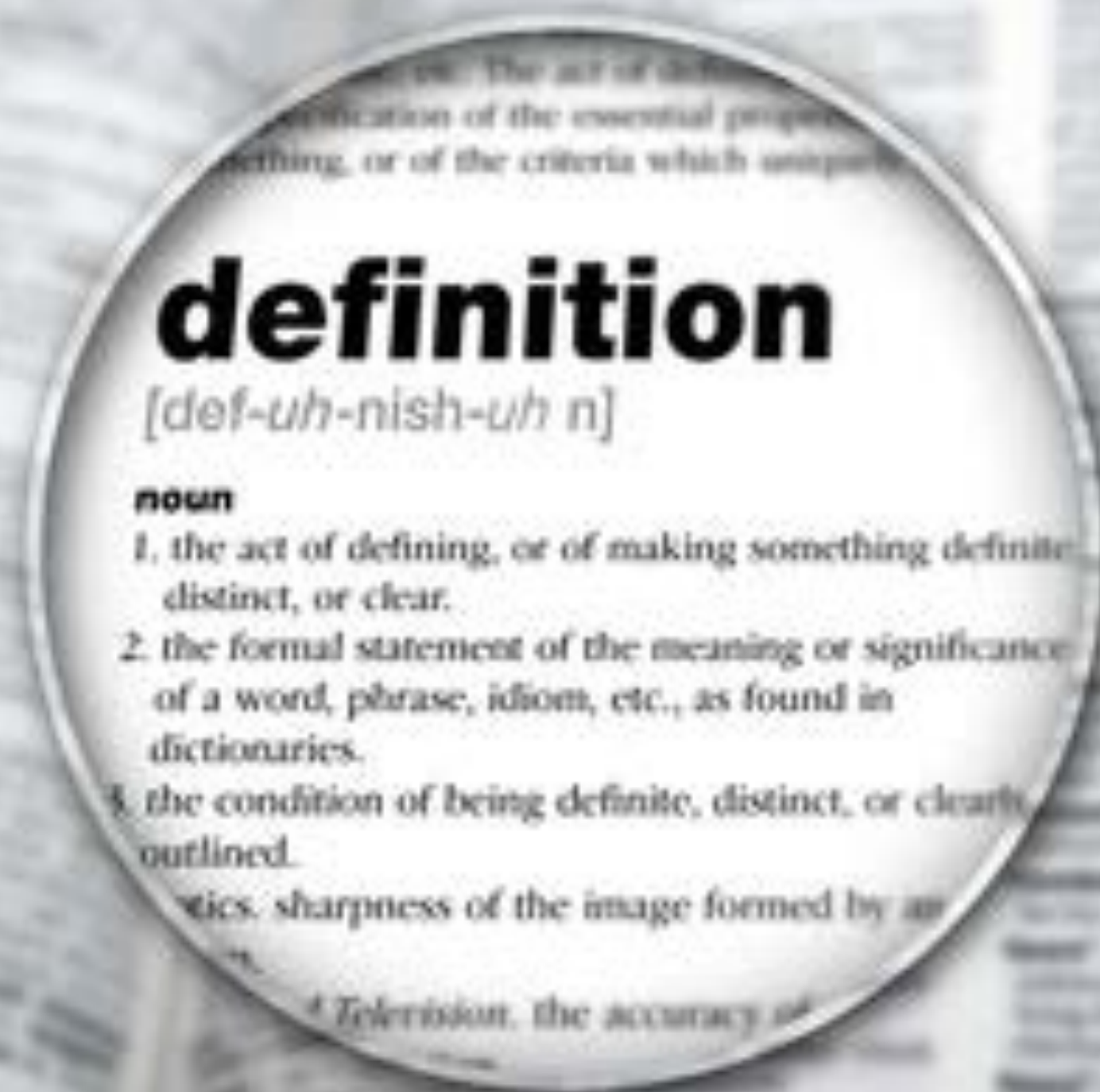
➤ This person should be easy to find especially in corrupt society because they will stick out.

➤ LOOK everywhere, streets, alleys, pubs, churches, schools, everywhere!

HE HAS SHOWN YOU, O MAN, WHAT IS GOOD;
AND WHAT DOES THE
LORD REQUIRE OF YOU BUT TO
DO **JUSTLY**, TO **LOVE MERCY**,
AND TO **WALK HUMBLY** WITH YOUR GOD?

MICAH 6:8

BOLD DEFINITIONS



- **JUSTICE:** Quality of being just, fair, right, rightfulness, lawfulness
- **To Bring to Justice:** The act of treating justly, fairly and **RIGHTLY** (sometimes we think this is mean, and sometimes we want full justice no mercy)
- **NICE:** cordial, agreeable
- **GOD's BOLD LOVE** is **KIND** because **HE IS KIND**, not nice



YAAKOV QUOTE

➤ LOVE is KIND if in order to be NICE we fail to warn others of the consequences of sin, we are NOT PRACTICING the LOVE of God, rather we are PRACTICING SIN. Niceness is counterfeit to kindness.

➤ Yaakov Ben Yehoshua



BOLD CHALLENGE

- Accountability is NOT MEAN
- Accountability is NOT REVENGE
- Justice DOES matter
- Justice leads some to godly sorrow which leads to godly repentance.
- God's justice, kindness, mercy and love, loves us enough to send us to jail, and then to visit us there



YAAKOV QUOTE

- Forgiveness is available to **all**, but **only** the repentant receive it .
- Yaakov Ben Yehoshua



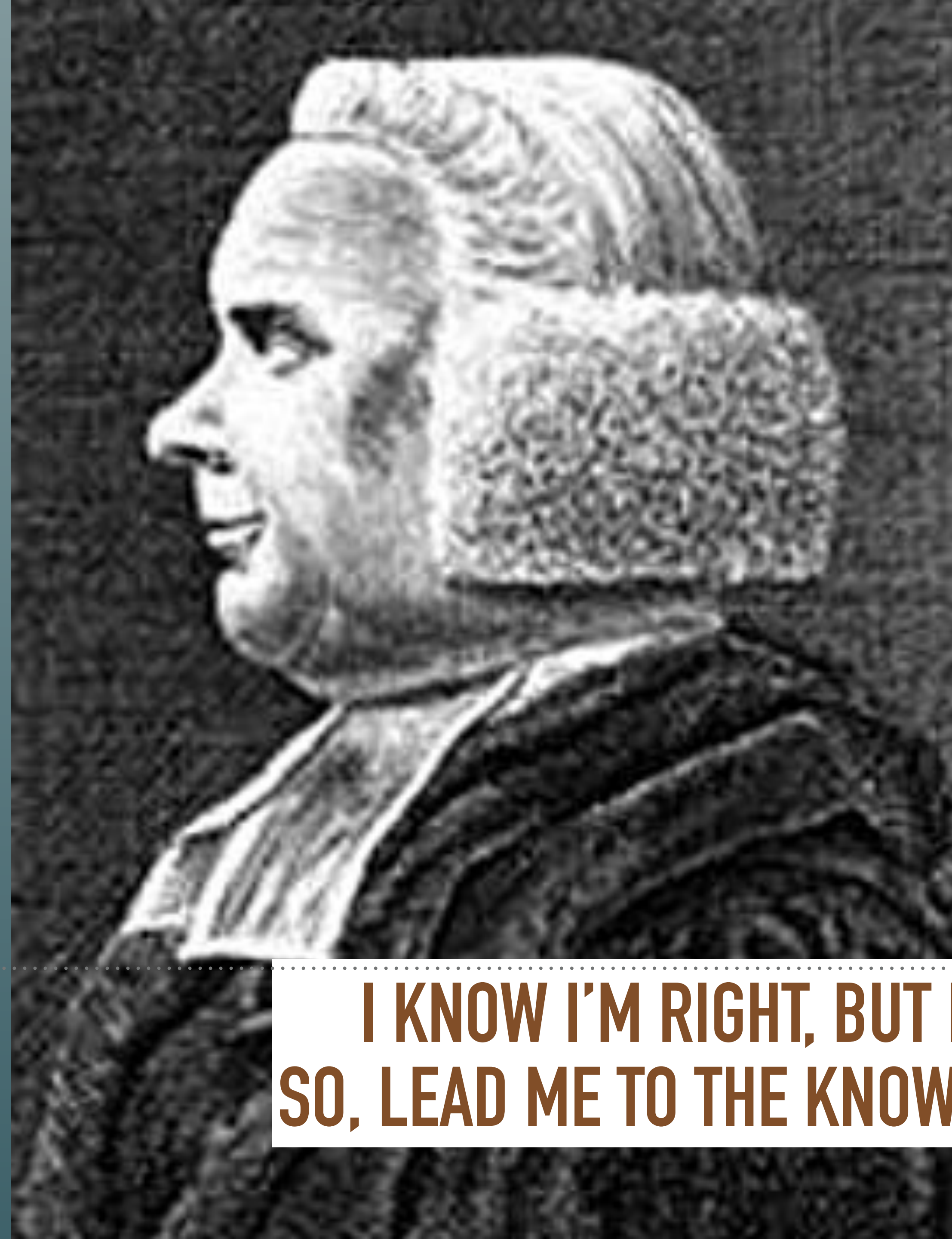
BOLD CHALLENGE

- If you find ONE I will pardon the entire country
- Pardon: Salah (Saw-lakh) God's forgiveness
- The prophet stands between hope and despair and heartbreak and healing
- This is GOOD NEWS!
- Don't be fooled by their looks, speech, or image
- Our hearts will ALWAYS tell on us
- NO TIME LIMIT



BOLD CHALLENGE

- Vs 3 LOOK and SEE what God sees, not what Jeremiah WANTS to see
- God's eyes see TRUTH
- The people were not affected at all by God's recent discipline
- They refused correction
- Made face hard in response to conviction instead of softening the ground (Shimon)
- Here to get it right not be right: humility
- NOT ONE FOUND



**I KNOW I'M RIGHT, BUT IF I AM NOT MAKE ME
SO, LEAD ME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH**



BOLD RESULTS

- NO ONE found
- Hubristic pride kills a person, community, and here an entire nation is in trouble
- The what vs the Who, the Who was not worth it to Judah
- We defend ourselves as to why we **had** to hold on to the what
- Easier to see why others need to repent over ourselves.
- What do MY lips say in relation to what my heart says?
- Can we even be quiet and still nowadays?
- What would God say about the status of our relationship?
- Have I forgotten that God is Just, righteous and Truth?

BOLD RESULTS



- Judah is good in the light and if the dark could just stay in the dark
- God says RELATIONSHIP is everything.
- Jeremiah is gobsmacked by the dissonance and trying to justify what his eyes are seeing
- Vs 4 surely it is the poor who have excuse, they just use language because they hear it.
- Biblical illiteracy was rampant
- Could this be said of me?

prominent

(adj.) – standing out, important

Examples:

Synonyms:

Famous, notorious,
renowned, well known

Antonyms:

Esoteric, unknown

BOLD SOLUTION

- Vs 5a I will go to the PROMINENT men! They KNOW the ways and rulings of God
- Perhaps they just innocently overlooked Deuteronomy 10, 20 and Leviticus 26
- Prominent: GADOL: LOUD ONES, the ones with BIG INFLUENCE
- 5b- They are bleeding out just as much, broken even though they think they are whole, so deluded. No difference between those with degrees and those without
- Great “Prominent” would struggle more with humility and self reflection than the lowly because they have higher heights to fall from
- The Prominent: broke the yoke, tore the harness, have been slashed, robbed and embraced the enemy to protect them
- They think they are smart, rich, healthy, and protected
- Egypt is in their hearts, some physical traits have been cleaned up

BOLD QUESTION...



- 7-9 God asks **WHY** He should forgive without repentance, without asking, without humbling (well, because God promises to forgive and we promise to sin more)
- “YOUR” PEOPLE abandoned relationship and when they say “As Adonai Lives” they mean “As Baal lives” remember God can see the heart whether or not we can be honest.
- There is NO DEPTH of relationship, they only want what benefits them “Prizes for perfect attendance”
- God sounds like a wounded spouse. Keeps saying the SAME THING... it’s always back to this.... Always bringing up the desert... remember when it was good?
- They cannot walk away from their “very important tower” to go outside the camp
- IS GOD cruel to punish for this? Cruel to be true to HIS character? Does God have a right to protect HIS NAME?

BOLD QUESTION...



- The v3 discipline should have brought us to our sackcloth.... To humility, but it stiffened instead of softening.
- Will I humble? Will hubris or humility win the battle of my story in relationship with God?

BOLD JUDGMENT



- (10) God is speaking to the enemy here
- Anguish... like hurry smash the pot, it has to be done. Hurry arrest Me in the garden, it has to be done.
- Embraced anguish for the joy.
- God will NOT operate OUTSIDE of his Character of truth, righteousness and justice for Judah or US
- THIS is God's BOLD LOVE even in BOLD JUDGMENT often it is not until the pot is broken that we see all the dirt that needed to come out.
- DON'T forget to see the mercy in it, the hope is there... to bring REPENTANCE not REVENGE



BOLD INDICTMENT.. AGAIN

- God knows the HEARTS of His people, so WE CAN START TO BE HONEST... since He knows
- Your pretentious hearts will eventually tell on you
- Judah's success is not dependent on God's success. The ask is to FOLLOW God will be faithful to His character
- Jeremiah is so gloom and doom same blah message about betrayal trauma

BOLD RESPONSE OF JUDAH

- Verse 12-13
- Judah claims God will not do anything and the prophets like Jeremiah are just predicting their own doom
- We may have taken a hit a while back but we will rebuild better than ever



BOLD RESPONSE OF ADONAI TZVAOT



- 14- The warring, judge LORD OF HOST who created you and everything, will make Jeremiah's words like FIRE
- Pentecost/ Shavuot. The unlearned disciples who may have not known all the perfect doctrine, theology and commentaries of the day KNEW Messiah. What is better?
- God tests by FIRE so this makes sense or else how would we know we have been building with flammable materials
- A **TRUE** prophet speaks with **TRUTH IN KINDNESS** that we call hate and bitterness because we reach for comfort not truth. Judah built tall towers in hubris and will fall from heights, burned up in an **INSTANT**



BOLD INVITATION TO REPENT

- Vs.15-17.....
- BABYLON is coming.Babel is coming, confusion (Baal)
- Babylon will take EVERYTHING that matters to you that you have spent a LIFETIME building... your family, your name, your business, your livelihood... nothing can save you not even your superb negotiating skills, I know people really *like you*... but a day is coming, you are not as smart as you might think
- Acknowledge your GUILT! Go back to the points of rupture, Psalm 51! Sackcloth... SEE HEAR UNDERSTAND PERCEIVE THE WARNING. **RED FLAGS ABOUND HERE**
- 18-19 mercy precedes judgment and mercy is even IN the midst of judgement. This will keep you holding and hopefully seeing hope!
- MERCY IN JUDGEMENT THIS IS NOT REVENGE
- The prophet stands in the tension between despair and hope



BOLD EXPOSURE

- The emperor is naked
- God **WILL STRIP** away pretense if we don't
- Vs 20: is to ALL 12 tribes. ANNOUNCE and PROCLAIM... here we go
- ANNOUNCE: nagad
- PROCLAIM: sama (shaw-mah)
- BOTH WORDS MEAN THE EXACT SAME THING.... **PUBLISH** with BOLDNESS, TELL ALL IN BOLDNESS
- UMmmm we do NOT like truth tellers to PUBLISH... the nerve of them to air dirty laundry in public...
- NOW we see how prophets end up DEAD
- Maybe the PUBLICITY of it will bring on godly sorrow that brings to REPENTANCE & sackcloth

BOLD EXPOSURE

- IS NOT for HARM
- If the church belongs to GOD then it *must* be cleaned according to *HIS* standards... God has tried every other route, even a taste of discipline... so it's time to go to press, we may lose what we built but gain relationship and salvation for our souls
- God is actively PROTECTING HIS NAME
- The choice: lose your tower or the LIVING GOD, in the end they chose to lose both, BUT BLAME the prophet in the process!
- What will we do? THE CHOICE is PERSONAL



THE
TRUTH
EXPOSED!

**PRIDE GOES BEFORE
DESTRUCTION, AND A
HAUGHTY SPIRIT BEFORE
A FALL.**

- PROVERBS 16:18



BOLD HUMILITY

- Exposure started privately then grew because there was lack of acknowledgment of harm and lack of repentance.
- HUMILITY is NEVER easy, it is for the courageous and strong. Humility in private is hard, humility in public is harder...
- CAN we hear, perceive, understand the importance of MY PEOPLE called by MY NAME HUMBLE?
- Humility comes at a price, but to fall in HUBRIS is an even higher price.

BOLD TRUTH



➤Vs 21 STUPID, BRAINLESS

➤**Stupid:** “Sakal” - sottish **Brainless:** “lave” (let) -sottish

➤ Sottish: Acting as if drunk, intoxicated, stupefied, unable to be coherent

➤DRUNK on all their “wisdom” and “knowledge” they know it all... but do NOT know God

➤Is there a chance God’s people can sober up enough to understand the reality of their position before God is NOT GOOD ... even though they are “so good” and their doctrine, theology so right

➤22. FEAR of GOD is LONG gone NO eyes to see or ears to hear, Psalm 115

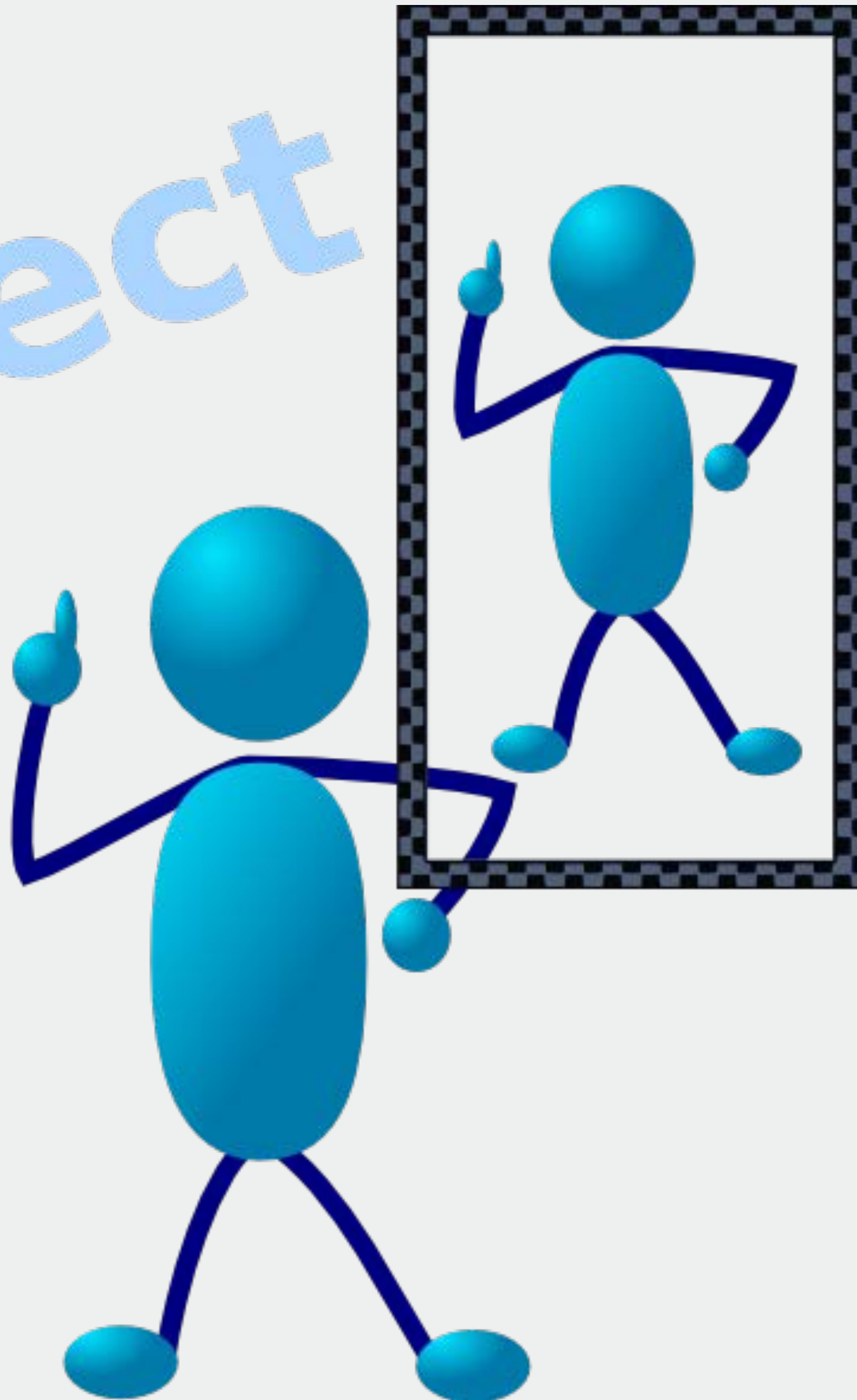
➤Can we ask God for open eyes/ears? Dangerous. IF we built these towers “For God” does He have permission to do with them as HE PLEASES? Or is he CEO Emeritus only



BOLD REMINDER

- Adonai Elohim
- THE SEA obeys Me even though waves protest
- BOUNDARIES even though the sea threatens them, the sea knows better
- I don't like boundaries, thank you though. NO other gods, is a BOUNDARY that in your freewill, you didn't see as important to MY heart
- 23: We rebel for the RIGHT to embrace idolatry DEFIANT: Marah: BITTER

Reflect



BOLD SELF REFLECTION

- VS 24 KEY VERSE ALERT!
- THEY DO NOT SAY TO THEMSELVES, so they even lie to themselves at this point
- There is no room for hubris in the presence of God
- Definition of reflect: to cast back light or **heat** on
- Test your own heart by FIRE of TRUTH
- Take off all that entangles is HARD and embarrassing (Heb 12:1-3) Humility is BIG COURAGE... moving on...



BOLD CRIMES

- Vs25-31 Your cries overturned natures laws w your cisterns and engineered fruit
- Your sin has kept good from you! They do not care because they call evil good and good evil. Only God is GOOD
- Vs 26 We DO NOT WANT TO THINK THIS IS TRUE FOR A MINUTE, so we just say NO WAY it is... these are “good people” being “slandered by this published stuff”
- We need to look at the harm caused, and call it out, repent of it specifically. God is calling these people WICKED yet Judah refuses to. WE have NO JOY in this wickedness but in lamenting it there is hope of joy restored



BOLD CRIMES

- 31- who are the Wicked?
 - Prophets
 - Priests, pastors, teachers, spiritual leaders of the nation
- They became RICH, POWERFUL (according to the worlds standards),
- SLEEK and FAT: full of HUBRIS, ARROGANCE, “shiny” with the “LOOK and IMAGE of perfection”
- Towers built by fleecing the sheep, feeding on the sheep not feeding the sheep, using Baal best business practices, its business not personal to become successful
- Harming the powerless for the WIN, life is full of winners and losers, we will be winners
- They exploited the weak without any to advocate for them, destroying them to get what they wanted from them and had no guilt about it

BOLD LOVE



- Jesus, God with SKIN ON, restored WORTH to the outcast, orphan and marginalized
- Jesus healed the SICK... the leper at least knew his need, where the Pharisee did not, so who is worse off really? Jesus was willing and went to heal both, only the leper received it
- Jesus showed that no soul is EXPENDABLE for the “sake of the Gospel”, He even went to the naked tomb raider and healed the Caanite woman’s daughter and healed the Roaman guard who lost an ear
- Jesus ADVOCATED for the powerless, the cripple at the pool of Bethsaida
- JESUS gave UP HIS power to care for the weaker, he was not so afraid someone was “edging in on His authority”
- God SO LOVED the WORLD
- Jesus is the DEFINITION of BOLD LOVE yet we don’t look like Him even though we quote Him a lot

BOLD CRIMES

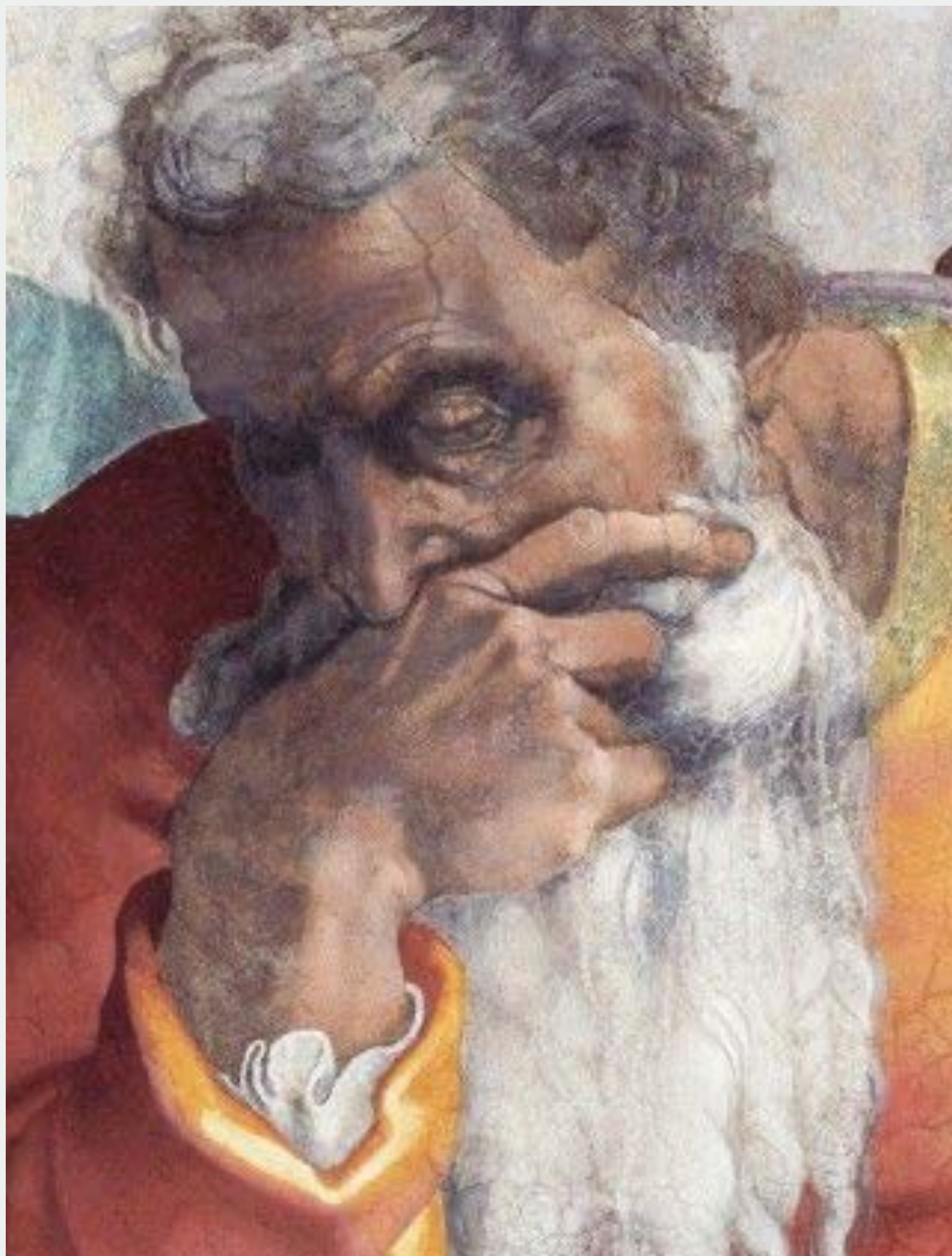


- **PROPHETS:** prophecy lies, to God is an issue. DEUT 18:14 states a lying prophet should be put to death. Which is loss of image, power. Title, position and life. **GOD TAKES THIS SERIOUSLY. I Timothy 5, READ I JOHN 4**
- **Priests/ Pastor/Shepherd:** is a SERVANT. A servant has NO AUTHORITY or POWER yet they seemed to excise it upon imminent defenseless people and they don't think God saw or cared.
- **THE PEOPLE:** enabled this! Did not themselves go outside the camp to seek the presence of the living God regardless of whether anyone in "power" was. The people watched it and listened and loved it, tickled ears. We reach for comfort not truth. Justified the dissonance

BOLD REFLECTION



- 29. God asks: SHOULD I NOT PUNISH?
 - For the wickedness
 - For the enabling
 - For the REFUSAL to look for TRUTH
 - Abandonment
- Does God have a right to avenge/ advocate for His Name?
 - His Name is: MERCY, JUDGEMENT, TRUTH, RIGHTEOUSNESS
- ARE we willing to tell God NOT to stand up for TRUTH and publish and announce all these crimes? Has He tried to get their attention other ways to no avail?
- Are we willing to ask: IS there truth in this? Are we willing to listen, look, see, perceive, understand?

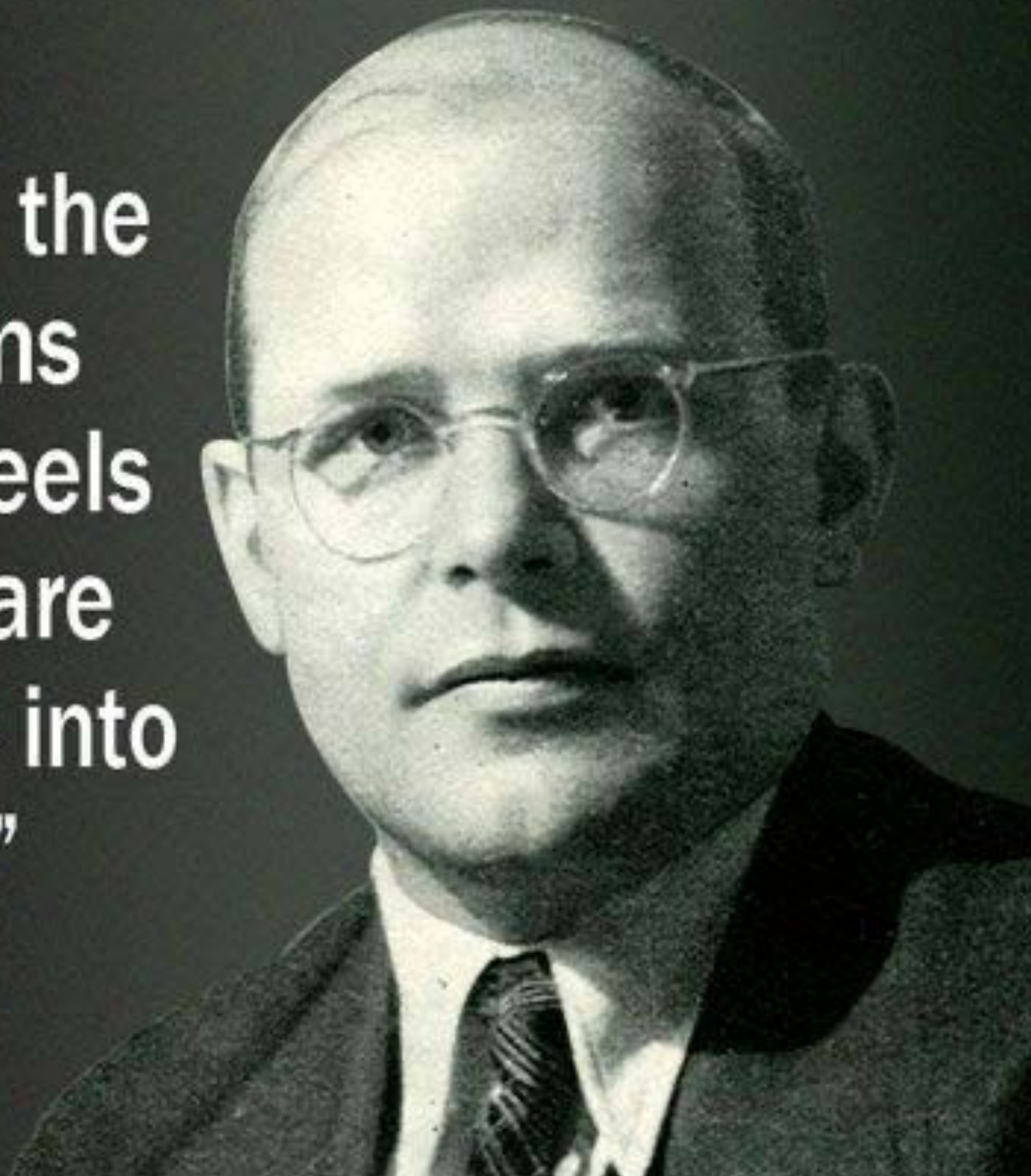


BOLD PROPHET

- A prophet causes
DISRUPTION... I
think Jeremiah is doing
that... why disruption?
- For CHANGE of
DIRECTION
- For TRUTH

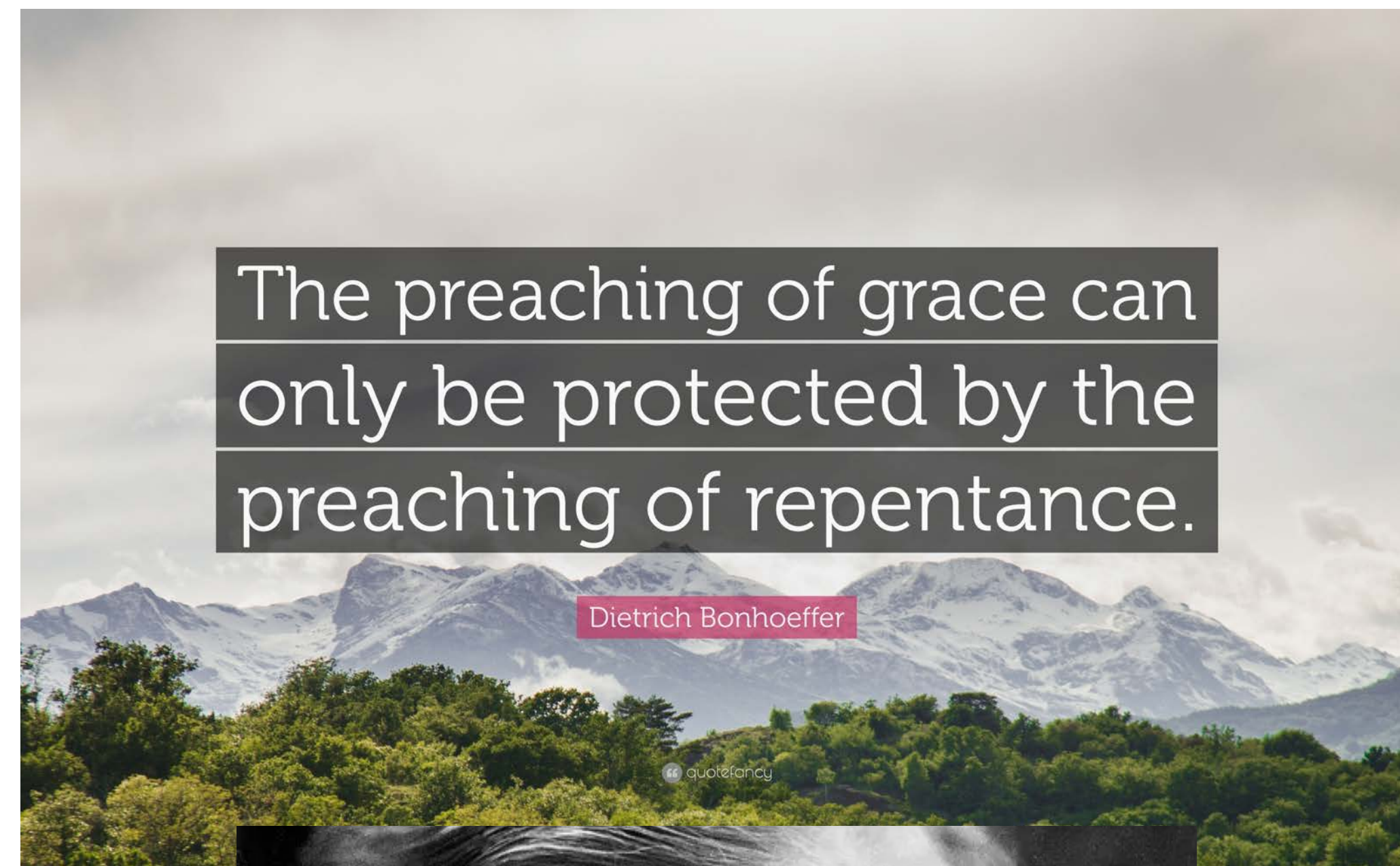
**“We are not to
simply bandage the
wounds of victims
beneath the wheels
of injustice, we are
to drive a spoke into
the wheel itself.”**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer
(1906-1945)



The preaching of grace can
only be protected by the
preaching of repentance.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



HOMework:

ANY VERSES

JEREMIAH 6