

Sermon for September 16/17, 2023



SMALL GROUPS

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THREE THINGS TO KNOW

DON'T MISS THIS. Marriage today can feel crazy, chaotic and challenging. Finding the right resources to help can be mind-boggling! That's why we're hosting **DOING MARRIAGE BETTER**, a two-hour time to have fun and discover valuable hacks to improve your marriage! Attend October 6 from 7–9 PM at the Cascade Campus or online. Visit adabile.info >[info & events](#) to register.

GROUP VALUES. This September, we are focusing on the value of sharing our spiritual **STORIES**. We believe in talking about the events and happenings that shape us into the people we are. Take an opportunity this month in your small group to talk about some of the key events that made you who you are.

GROW AS A LEADER. Make sure to check out the **LEADER'S FACEBOOK PAGE** if you haven't lately. It's a great place to stay informed about what's happening around Ada Bible and in small groups. Connect with us at facebook.com/groups/adasmallgroupleaders.

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Welcome to the third week in our series, [BREAKING POINT](#). This week, we consider Jeremiah's example of how to navigate a breaking point.

What was one of your favorite childhood activities during the fall?

THIS WEEK'S TEXT

Have someone read [Jeremiah 20:7-18](#) aloud.

What were some of the hardships Jeremiah experienced as a prophet?

Why did Jeremiah feel God had "deceived" him (see Jeremiah 20:7)?

Jeremiah referenced "a fire shut up in my bones" (see Jeremiah 20:9). What was this?

THIS WEEK'S SERMON

Pastor Aaron continued our series by looking at the story of Jeremiah found in [Jeremiah 20](#). As a group, name his main points.

Which part of the sermon most challenged or encouraged you, and why?

Jeremiah was honest with God about his pain and troubles. Why do many people find this practice difficult?

Jeremiah was tempted to ignore and disobey God during his breaking point. What are some common areas of potential disobedience in our breaking points?

One helpful practice for navigating breaking points well is to know and remember God's promises. What are some of God's promises that you have found especially helpful to cling to?

Jeremiah was cruelly beaten and mistreated, yet he released revenge to God. In what situations do you most struggle to release revenge to God?

Another helpful practice in navigating a breaking point is to choose worship. How can you begin or continue to incorporate worship into your life?

Is there anything else about the sermon you wanted to talk about?

WRAP UP

Today, we talked about navigating breaking points by looking at Jeremiah's example. Based on today's conversation, what practice do you want to begin or continue to help you navigate breaking points well?