

Today's Scripture  
**Don't Be Defeated**



Jeremiah 37:11-17  
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 14-18

## Jeremiah 37:11-12

<sup>11</sup> Now when the Chaldean army had withdrawn from Jerusalem at the approach of Pharaoh's army,

<sup>12</sup> Jeremiah set out from Jerusalem to go to the land of Benjamin to receive his portion there among the people.



## Jeremiah 37:13

<sup>13</sup> When he was at the Benjamin Gate, a sentry there named Irijah the son of Shelemiah, son of Hananiah, seized Jeremiah the prophet, saying, “You are deserting to the Chaldeans.”

## Jeremiah 37:14

<sup>14</sup> And Jeremiah said, “It is a lie; I am not deserting to the Chaldeans.” But Irijah would not listen to him, and seized Jeremiah and brought him to the officials.



## Jeremiah 37:15-16

<sup>15</sup> And the officials were enraged at Jeremiah, and they beat him and imprisoned him in the house of Jonathan the secretary, for it had been made a prison. <sup>16</sup> When Jeremiah had come to the dungeon cells and remained there many days,

## Jeremiah 37:17

<sup>17</sup> King Zedekiah sent for him and received him. The king questioned him secretly in his house and said, “Is there any word from the LORD?” Jeremiah said, “There is.” Then he said, “You shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.”



## Jeremiah 38:4

<sup>4</sup> Then the officials said to the king, “Let this man be put to death, for he is weakening the hands of the soldiers who are left in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm.”

## Jeremiah 38:5

<sup>5</sup> King Zedekiah said, “Behold, he is in your hands, for the king can do nothing against you.”



## Jeremiah 38:6

<sup>6</sup> So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king's son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. And there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud.

## Jeremiah 38:14

<sup>14</sup> King Zedekiah sent for Jeremiah the prophet and received him at the third entrance of the temple of the LORD. The king said to Jeremiah, “I will ask you a question; hide nothing from me.”



## Jeremiah 38:15

<sup>15</sup> Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, “If I tell you, will you not surely put me to death? And if I give you counsel, you will not listen to me.”

## Jeremiah 38:16

<sup>16</sup> Then King Zedekiah swore secretly to Jeremiah, “As the LORD lives, who made our souls, I will not put you to death or deliver you into the hand of these men who seek your life.”



## Jeremiah 38:17

<sup>17</sup> Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, “Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: If you will surrender to the officials of the king of Babylon, then your life shall be spared, and this city shall not be burned with fire, and you and your house shall live.

## Jeremiah 38:18

<sup>18</sup> But if you do not surrender to the officials of the king of Babylon, then this city shall be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and you shall not escape from their hand.”