



# JEREMIAH

*Opening Our Ears  
Listening*

**Daring** - adventurous, bold

**REVIEW:**

- Raise the White Flag of Surrender
- Recognize Counterfeits and the Real Deal

*“Call to me and I will answer and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.”* Jeremiah 33:3

*“They will fight against you but WILL NOT overcome you. I am with you and I will rescue you.”*  
Jeremiah 1:19

**Listen** - give one’s attention to a sound

Shemah: *“Listen O Israel: the Lord is our God, the Lord alone.”* Deut 6:4

*“To whom can I give warning? Who will listen when I speak? Their ears are closed and they cannot hear. They scorn the word of the Lord. They don’t want to listen at all.”* Jeremiah 6:10

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***Discussion Question:***

Think about and describe a time when God clearly communicated with you. Recall what He said, the means He used, and why you believed it was God. How did this make an impact in your life?

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**The Potter’s House**

The LORD spoke to Jeremiah. ‘Go down to the potter's house, and there I will tell you my message,’ he said. So I went down to the potter's house. There I saw him when he was working at his wheel. He was working with clay to make a pot with his hands. But, as he worked, it became the wrong shape. So he made it into a pot of another shape, as he chose.

Then the LORD spoke to me. ‘You know that I can change the Jewish people. I can change them as the potter changes the shape of the clay,’ he said.

‘You Jewish people are in my hands. I hold you as the potter holds the clay in his hands. I may say at any time that I will break down a country. I may say that I will destroy it. But the people in that country might hear my words. And they might stop doing the things that made me angry. Then I would change my mind. I would not cause the trouble that I had promised. Or I might say that I will build up a country. I might say that I will make it strong.’



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## How do we get to this place of listening to what God has to say?

- Listen to God's people  
*"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens (and influences) another (through discussion)" Proverbs 27:17*
- Quiet yourself in His presence  
*"And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying "This is the way; walk in it" Isaiah 30:21*
- Stay in God's Word

*"When I discovered your words, I devoured them. They are my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God of Heaven's Armies." Jeremiah 15:16*

What will I learn about God? – Who He is, How He interacts with people, What verses say about His character.

What better way to know how you should interact with others (what your character traits should be) than to learn how Jesus did it!

What will I learn about myself? - How I approach or not approach Him, What He calls me to do or not to do, How He expresses His love to me, and What keeps me from experiencing Him more fully?

Is there anything that God is specifically saying about my current thoughts, attitudes, or actions?

- Talk to Jesus  
*"...but there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:24*

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and show you great and unsearchable things  
that you do not know."*

