

Get Ready, Set, Speak

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Jeremiah 1:11-19

In Jeremiah 11, there are given two specific commands: to speak God's words and to do so without fear. These are simple commands, but not necessarily easy. Jeremiah was under the weight of an awesome responsibility. He knew in advance that he would face rejection. Note that Jeremiah was not told to take his own words to the people. He was to take God's words to the people. There is a difference between using God's words and using our own. Often we are tempted to "speak our mind" into the lives of people when we really need to be "speaking God's heart" into circumstances. We have nothing—or no one—to fear when we are speaking God's words. What if we are sure of a word that God has for us to speak? Then it needs to be spoken with confidence, without fear, but also within the character of a loving, compassionate, and merciful God. God sends his word as a plea for obedience. Let us resolve to speak the words God needs us to say remembering that God's goal is always peace and reconciliation.

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