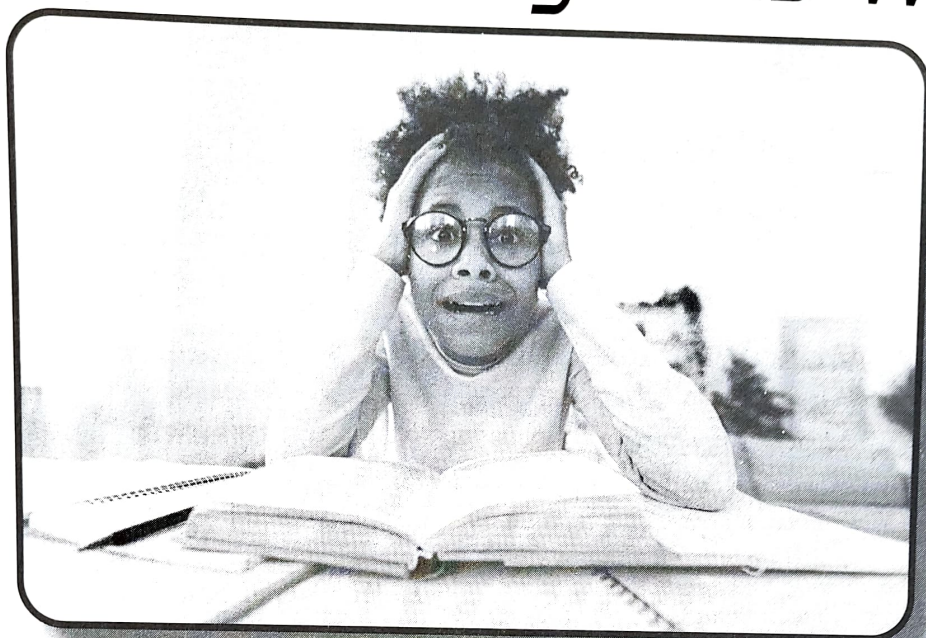


Difficult and Dangerous Words



Zedekiah Consults Jeremiah Again

¹⁴ King Zedekiah sent for the prophet Jeremiah and received him at the third entrance of the temple of the Lord. The king said to Jeremiah, "I have something to ask you; do not hide anything from me." ¹⁵ Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "If I tell you, you will put me to death, will you not? And if I give you advice, you will not listen to me."

¹⁶ So King Zedekiah swore an oath in secret to Jeremiah, "As the Lord lives, who gave us our lives, I will not put you to death or hand you over to these men who seek your life."

¹⁷ Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the God of Israel, If you will only 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. ¹⁸ But if you do not surrender to the officials of the king of Babylon, then this city shall be handed over to the Chaldeans, and they

shall burn it with fire, and you yourself shall not escape from their hand." ¹⁹ King Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "I am afraid of the Judeans who have deserted to the Chaldeans, for I might be handed over to them and they would abuse me."

²⁰ Jeremiah said, "That will not happen. Just obey the voice of the Lord in what I say to you, and it shall go well with you, and your life shall be spared. ²¹ But if you are determined not to surrender, this is what the Lord has shown me— ²² a vision of all the women remaining in the house of the king of Judah being led out to the officials of the king of Babylon and saying,

'Your trusted friends have seduced you and have overcome you; Now that your feet are stuck in the mud, they desert you.'

²³ All your wives and your children shall be led out to the Chaldeans, and you yourself shall not escape from their hand, but shall be seized by the king of Babylon; and this city shall be burned with fire."



get excited!

(5 minutes)

Watch the video
about Jeremiah.

Verse to Remember

"Obey the voice of the LORD in what I say to
you, and it shall go well with you."

Jeremiah 38:20.

key verse exercise.

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read and learn!
(10 minutes)

**ZION AND ZAYA TALK
ABOUT JEREMIAH: THE
SUFFERING PREACHER OF
DOOM**

ZAYA - All news isn't good news. In other words, sometimes we wish things would be different but they aren't.

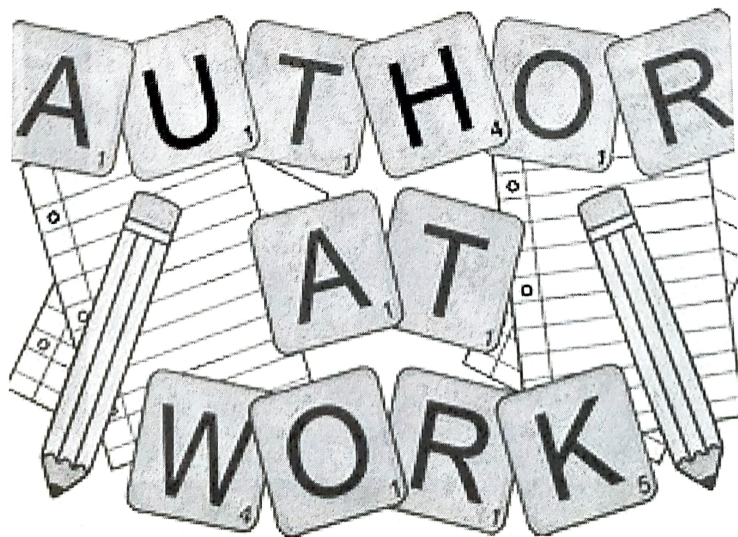
ZION - Yeah well, this was the case for King Zedekiah when he received counsel from the prophet Jeremiah. The news Zedekiah received from God was, in short, that he was to surrender or the city would be burned.

ZAYA - This wasn't good news because if he did not surrender to Babylonian officials, not only would the city be destroyed, but he would be too.

ZION - Even more than that, Zedekiah was afraid that even if he did surrender the Jews who were already in Babylon may mistreat him. However, Jeremiah assured him that if he would obey God, his life would be spared and things would go well. This was as good as the news would get.

ZAYA - In other words, although all news isn't good news, the good news in all news is that when we obey the Lord, there is nothing that we can't get through as long as God is with us.

ZION - Amen to that!



rise up! (30 minutes)



It's time to work with Zion and Zaya on this week's **SUPERHERO CHALLENGE** "A LITANY FOR TRUTH." Help Zion and Zaya create a litany about accepting God's truth.

what do you think?

Why was Jeremiah put in a waterless well?

Did Jeremiah still tell the truth after he was rescued?

Do you always feel brave enough to tell the truth?

time to create

Make a bravery badge.



time to pray



Dear God, we need Your help to be brave when it's time to have difficult conversations. Continue to inspire us to tell the truth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.