

Text: **Jeremiah 20**

Title: **AS A MIGHTY AWESOME ONE**

STARTING WITH THEORETICAL FAITH

1. The calling of the servant of the Lord (Jeremiah 1:4)
2. The promise of the Lord's presence in life (Jeremiah 1:8, 19)
3. The warning of opposition that will come
 - a. "Do not be dismayed before their faces." (Jeremiah 1:17)
 - b. "They will fight against you..." (Jeremiah 1:19)

FINDING NEEDED CORRECT FAITH IN THE MIDST OF GREAT DIFFICULTIES

1. As a docile lamb being brought to the slaughter (Jeremiah 11:19)
2. Being physically abused in jail (Jeremiah 20:2)
 - a. Being struck on the face
 - b. Being put into stocks
3. Being mocked (Jeremiah 20:10)
 - a. By many
 - b. By mocking the word that he spoke "Fear on every side"
 - c. By familiar friends

STRUGGLING WHILE FAITH WAS BEING TESTED

1. Struggling with daily reproach and derision (Jeremiah 20:8)
2. Struggling with the word of the Lord (Jeremiah 20:9)
3. Feeling deeply overwhelmed again (Jeremiah 20:14-18)
 - a. Earlier - Regret that his mother had borne him (Jeremiah 15:10)
 - b. Cursing the day of his birth

HAVING A FAITH THAT IS BEING REFINED

1. Learning more about God in suffering
 - a. Initial perspective of God
 - i. The Lord of Hosts (Jeremiah 11:20)
 - ii. God as one who tests the mind and heart (Jeremiah 11:20)
 - b. Greater perspective of God
 - i. The Lord of Hosts (Jeremiah 20:12)
 - ii. God as one who sees the mind and heart (Jeremiah 20:12)
2. Going through the process of being corrected / refined
 - i. Interaction with the Lord in prayer
 - ii. God asking Jeremiah to return to Him (Jeremiah 15:19)
3. Consciousness of God as a mighty and awesome One
 - a. God as our strength (Jeremiah 16:19)
 - b. God as Creator (Jeremiah 10:12-13)
 - c. God as Judge (Jeremiah 20:4-6)
4. Praising God in the midst of challenges (Jeremiah 20:13)
 - a. Seeking to sing
 - b. Choosing to praise