

Sunday, June 13, 2021 sermon companion piece

Can you and I embrace Jeremiah's repetition of God's words of both blessing and warning to us, which come in very specific terms?

- Renounce the worshiping of other gods, all the things besides God that we pay heed to and revolve our lives around – **Jer. 1:16, 2:13, 23:13-14, 25:6, 35:15**
- Renounce greed and all things selfish and our own self-centeredness and self-gratification – **Jer. 2:20, 3:6, 4:30, 13:27**
- Renounce injustice toward people unfairly treated – **Jer. 20:13, 22:13**
- Stand against violence in our streets and people murdering people – **Jer. 7:6, 20:4, 8**
- Stand against the abandonment of orphans and widows and people with the least amount of power in our world – **Jer. 5:25-29, 7:5-6, 20:13, 22:16**
- Stand against the rich getting richer and writing their own laws so that the poor get poorer and have less of a voice in this life – **Jer. 5:13, 9:5-6, 22:13, 34:11**
- Stand against stubbornness and your own rebellion from God – **Jer. 2:20, 3:13, 5:23, 6:28;**
- Stand against the mighty rising to rule with an iron fist rather than the spirit of a true shepherd – **Jer. 3:15, 13:18, 23:3;** and then,
- Walk toward repenting of these things, bringing them to an end, and asking and receiving forgiveness and a new love from the heart of God, - **Jer. 3:12-14, 14:20** - and
- Walk toward living a servant life toward others and sharing your beating heart within the communities in which we live – **Jer. 2:20**
- Walk toward living the law of love and peace – **Jer. 14:19, 31:1-4**
- Walk toward honesty, truth, and true fairness, which is justice – **Jer. 4:2, 7:5-6**
- Walk toward calling for all these things in the public square – **Jer. 36:2-3**
- Walk toward trusting God's Word is written, etched onto your hearts – **Jer. 31:33**
- And walk toward renewing our love of God, Yahweh, and no other God, and walk toward our daily faith in God as our highest guide, our daily shepherd, the one who gives us the strength to live His will with our daily lives, thoughts, prayers, and actions – **Jer. 2:8, 11, 13, 7:6, 13:16, 16:7-8, 29:11-14, 33:16**