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- The prophet Jeremiah was given direction to speak to the people of doom and destruction because they were not obedient to the Covenant.
- The reaction Jeremiah received to God's message was not good. He was persecuted, and attempts were made on his life.
- Jeremiah felt tricked into giving the message that would produce such a reaction.
- Speaking the truth will often not be popular.
- Am I worthy company of Jeremiah?
- Sometimes we don't speak the truth because we are afraid we won't be liked or accepted. Small consequences considering Jeremiah, Martin Luther King, Jr., etc.
- Jesus says to follow his example.
- What is your fire? Your truth?
- God has placed a piece of His truth in each of us. It should be burning a hole in our gut by not getting it out. It eats at us when we ignore it. Or, it could be so buried we don't know what it is.
- God's truths: love, obedience, taking care of others, etc.
- Do we deny healing to others or cause pain to others by keeping silent about our truth?
- Why do we not risk it? What is holding us back? Think about the consequences – how great are they, really?