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MONDAY—MARCH 30

*Judges 9-10; Luke 5:17-39*

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In this time of "quarantine," one can be tempted to get negative. Be sure to maintain your song. I realize that it can get boring. I for one really miss seeing everyone at church and at Teen Activities. I miss Sunday School and Choir. But here's the thing—we must maintain the song in our heart. When is the last time the Lord heard you sing? He loves to hear your song! Praise Him. Take time to fill your mind with godly music. And may your songs reflect the gratitude you have for the great love God has for you! He saved your poor soul! What a blessing! That is certainly worth singing about!

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There is a way to "get ahead" in the world the wrong way. Some would endeavor to do whatever is necessary to build their own life in a way that would make them happy with no regard to what is pleasing the Lord or beneficial to the people around them. Imagine giving your life to a vocation that the world deemed insignificant to the good of mankind. How sad. When you choose a vocation, be sure that your methods are moral and the product is moral. If you are going to give a large portion of your life to something, make sure its effects are pleasing to the Lord. Be sure God can approve and place His blessing on what you do for 40+ hours per week.

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At the Lord's direction, Jeremiah went down to the Potter's house. It was there that the Lord taught him a very valuable lesson. When we make wrong decisions, we mar our life. We destroy our testimony and hurt those that we love and those that love us. The blessed thought is this. We don't have to stay marred. We are in the hand of the Potter, and He can "make us again" for our good and for His glory! In order to be molded aright, we must be moldable, tender and yielded to the will of the Potter. Don't be afraid to deal with your errors. God can turn a curse into a blessing, but we must go to Him to make things right.

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The Word of God is so important to the Christian. I hope that in this time of solitude, you are committing more time to the Word of God. It is your spiritual sustenance. You will not be spiritually strong without the regular indulgence of God's Words into your ears, mind, and heart. You may wonder why the spiritual life is so hard for you. Why do you fail so often? Why can't you win the victory? You are weak. You are famished. Your spirit is starving for nutrition. Commit yourself to the Word of God. Give it priority in your life.

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*Jeremiah 11:11 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them.*

Throughout the book of Jeremiah, we see the judgment of the Lord being brought upon Israel and Judah for her many sins against God. One description of the wickedness of the inhabitants of Jerusalem was described in verse 15— "she hath wrought lewdness with many..." The word "lewdness" means "the unlawful indulgence of lust; fornication, adultery." God's people need to be reminded of the importance of being clean and pure before God. Opportunity to defile one's self is all around us. Let me encourage you to set out to be clean. One day at a time, ask God to help you walk in the Spirit that you would not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.

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