

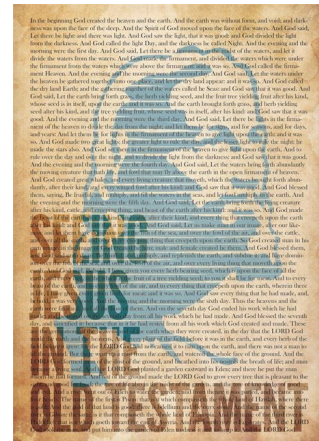


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"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word. When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."

-Martin Luther (*Luther's Works*, 25:238).

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"Your Words Were Found, and I Ate Them"

I've been thinking a lot about the prophet Jeremiah lately, and especially how the Lord once responded to him when he was going through a really tough time. Jeremiah had been praying and praying, but the situation just kept getting worse: "Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable... Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?" (Jer. 15:18).

Some strong words! Jeremiah didn't do anything massively wrong, but God kept pressing in on him: "I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me...you...filled me with indignation" (Jer. 15:17).

In due course the Lord then responds, and the gist of it is this: "Therefore thus says the Lord: 'If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. ... And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze... for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the Lord'" (Jer. 15:19-21).

That, my friends, is totally awesome. What fascinates me the most about it is that with these words, *the Lord points Jeremiah back to the same words that were said to him on day one* (see especially Jer. 1:18-19). Instead of fresh answers for what's been going on lately or a list of creative solutions to life's recent problems, the Lord gives Jeremiah another dosage of the same words he gave him years ago for the here and now.

And that's because at the end of the day, *the words of the Lord make us who we are*. In the midst of our worst drama, they always have the final say. They'll never reach their shelf life because they continue to define us and recreate us and renew us no matter what's going on.

In a way it reminds me of how it all started in the garden of Eden: "You may surely *eat* of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not *eat*..." (Gen. 2:16-17). Either way, Adam will be eating something. Either way, we, too, will be consuming something.

In the midst of our own tough times, let's take a play from Jeremiah's playbook, and instead of consuming the things that this world has to offer, let's read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest a far better food. As Jeremiah put it: "*your words were found, and I ate them*" (Jer. 15:16)—words like "I am with you," which assure us that we're never alone, no matter our feelings or thoughts. Words like "To save [you] and deliver you," which tell of incredible purpose for us. Words like "I will make you...a fortified wall of bronze," which tell us that whatever's going on, we're already part of a victory celebration.

And words like "It is finished," the very words of the Lord *enfleshed*, going as it was written of him, embodying every last vowel and consonant of God in order to have the final say on our sin, taking all of our drama unto himself in order to give us the last word on who we are and what's in store for us.

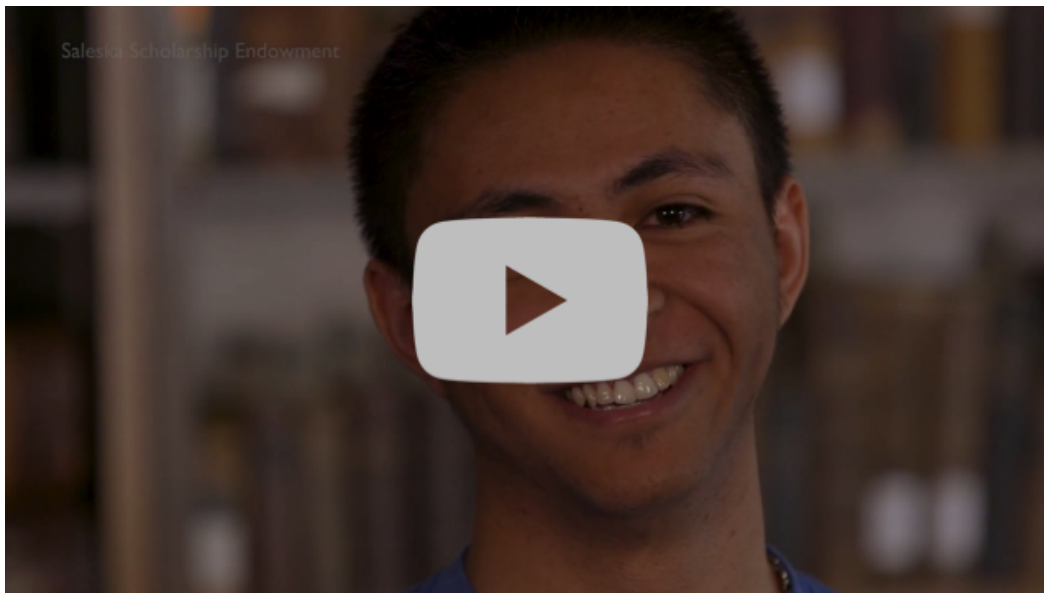
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | | | 1 Deut. 32:1-4 1 Samuel 28-31 | 2 Psalm 28 2 Samuel 1-3 | 3 Psalm 29 2 Samuel 4-6 |
| 4 Psalm 30 2 Samuel 7-9 Happy 4 th of July! | 5 Psalm 31 2 Samuel 10-12 | 6 Psalm 32 2 Samuel 13-15 | 7 Psalm 33 2 Samuel 16-18 | 8 Psalm 34 2 Samuel 19-21 | 9 Psalm 35 2 Sam. 22-24 | 10 Psalm 36 1 Kings 1-2 |
| 11 Psalm 37 1 Kings 3-6 | 12 Psalm 38 1 Kings 7-8 | 13 Psalm 39 1 Kings 9-11 | 14 Psalm 40 1 Kings 12-14 | 15 Psalm 41 1 Kings 15-17 | 16 Psalm 42 1 Kings 18-20 | 17 Psalm 43 1 Kings 21-22 |
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