

## Why is Jesus the greatest master?

For the last few weeks, we have been comparing the life of Jeremiah and Jesus. Last week Pastor Ginger spoke on Hard Questions. The week before Ross spoke about how Love supersedes the law.

- Hard questions challenges you to look inside, then responded.
- Love supersedes law, shows that love sees true value.

Today we will answer the question, Why is Jesus the greatest master? When I first started thinking about a great master, kung fu masters came to mind. They are patient, strategic, and slow to respond. They master various things that will take them to the next level. Jesus had to master a few things in His life as well as being patient, standing alone, and pointing people in the direction of God. By the time I finish this sermon, you will answer the question, Why Jesus is the greatest master! As we compare Jeremiah to Jesus, the first thing I would like to point out about Jesus is:

### **He is patient** (waiting for the *relationship to develop*)

1. Jesus and Jeremiah (weeping prophet) wept over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41-44)
2. Both stood aside and watch Jerusalem be ruled by sin, over, and over. It seems some people have to learn the hard way. How easy is it to stand by and watch a society destroy itself, knowing you are the one sent to save them from destruction?
3. You must have a level of patience to wait and allow people to turn from their ways. He gives them a chance to repent because you can't force people to genuinely change. Love will allow you to change because love is patient, love is kind. There are times when God allows things to get rough, just to see if you will turn to Him.

### **Think:**

Some people wonder why they don't have a business, why they are not married, nor do they have a new car or the house. Because God is waiting for you to turn to Him, He doesn't trust you with it. He is not the God of stuff, He's the God of love and He has all the time in the world to wait for you to change. You will run out of time before He does, but you will not have your way, it's got to be God's way or no way at all. He is resisting you until you develop a healthy, committed relationship with Him, then He will make you prosperous.

## **He can stand alone**

1. Jeremiah (26:8-9) and Jesus both hated by their own people. The bible gives insight to the people picking darkness over light, their wisdom over God's wisdom. God's law versus man's law, who is right, who is wrong?
2. John 7:14-17, Shows how the Pharisees challenge Jesus's knowledge, authority, and teachings. They didn't like how God's word shined a light into their darkness. Because they loved their way and hated the right path to God.

It pays to be a little different, just because people hate you for what you know or who you are, doesn't mean you have to shrink back or think small-minded as they do. A master must be strong because he is different and He believes the purpose God gave Him. Purpose gives life, hope, strength to continue, even if you have to do it by yourself. If you believe every word God gave you is true it gives you power and authority to speak. You can speak against a crowd of people if you have to with no help.

**Story:** Last month I ministered to about 10 people wanting to get, has gotten or is in the middle of a divorce. No one wanted to stand up and be different. All listening to mamma, best friend (who is single), and very poor advice. Ephesians 5 would not have mattered, because they were not receptive to the idea, they were wrong, they need different friends or you can't change people. Most wanted to point the finger at someone else and ignore the question, did I do everything in this relationship to make it work? Did you do everything in your relationship with God to make it work? Did you stand alone when no one else would stand with you?

## **Closing Point:**

Israel hated what was different, they couldn't recognize their Redeemer, because He was different. They couldn't master how to stand alone and become the people God needed, so they ended up captive to sin. People need to understand when you're against God's word, you're against God. [In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Selah]

## **He points to God**

In every situation, Jeremiah and Jesus always pointed back to God

1. Jeremiah challenged the people to repent and turn back to God. Jesus challenged the religious leaders to listen to His teaching that was of the Father.
2. Jesus is the light to the path that leads back to God. He is the light that brings illumination back to the Father.

It is easy for us to lose focus of God and take other paths since there are so many options these days. We have drugs, internet, and other quick solutions that make God seem very invisible. Anytime we complain and focus on the problems we give power and life to those issues. Jesus came that we may have life and have life in abundance. We will never find what that means until we renew our relationship with God. Wake up in the morning and say thank you. Read scripture and meditate on it, give the spirit a chance to give you understanding.

### **John 5:19:**

So Jesus explained, “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.

### **Closing Point:**

Jesus was trying to get us to see how lost we are without God. Even Jesus had to keep in close communication with God to stay in His plan. When we stop focusing on God we get off course and wander into the dark and Christ is the light to get us back on track. Jesus is the path that leads back to God, He is the Word that leads back to God, He is the way back to God, He is the door that opens to God (John 10:9).

### **Close:**

So why is Jesus the greatest master? He is the greatest master because He is patient, He can stand alone, and He always points us in the direction of God. He was sent to earth, to die on the cross, and rose from the dead, to pay a price we could not borrow from the bank. Is Jesus the greatest master? Yes, He is and always will be.

