

**Going Against Wind and Tide**  
**Lessons from the Prophet Jeremiah**  
**Living By The Word (#9)**

**I. The Nature of the Word (What it is)**

- A. The Word of God revealed  
Jer. 1:1-2, 4, 9
  
- B. The Word of God spoken  
Jer. 1:7; 26:2
  
- C. The Word of God written  
Jer. 9:13  
Jer. 11:1-8; 26:4-6  
Jer. 25:13  
Jer. 36
  
- D. Attributes of the Word
  - 1. It is the very voice of God (3:13, 25; 22:21)
  
  - 2. It is the efficacious Word of God  
Jer. 1:12 (Isa. 55:10-11)
  
  - 3. It is the Infallible Word of God

**II. The Function of the Word (What it does)**

- A. The Word plucks up and breaks down (1:9-10)
  
- B. The Word destroys and overthrows (1:9-10)
  
- C. The Word builds and plants (1:9-10)
  
- D. The Word is a fire (5:14)
  
- E. The Word is a hammer (23:28-29)

**III. Various Responses to the Word**

- A. Taking no delight and rejection (6:10, 19)

- B. Allowing truth to perish because of stubborn self-will (7:23-28)  
Not listening to the Word, disobedience (25:3, 8; 32:33)
- C. Violence towards the messenger (26:8, 11, 14-16)
- D. Destruction of the Word (36:20-26)
- E. Feigned Obedience (38:14-26; 42:1-6; 19-22; 43:1-2)
- F. Internalize and taking joy and delight (15:16)
- G. Obedience to the Word (35:1-17)

**IV. Going Against Wind and Tide by Living by the Word**

- A. We must have a steady diet of the Word of God
- B. The Word of God must be our delight
- C. We must submit to the Word, even in its unpleasant functions in our life
- D. We must be committed to a universal obedience to the Word