

**Raw Misery (Jeremiah 20)**

**Introduction**

- What is true of all Christians?
- Who is an example of that?
- When did Jeremiah live?
- What were the people of Judah like then?
- What new thing happens to him in v1-3a?

**i Outside and inside**

- What was Jeremiah's misery like?
- What was the cause of his depression (v7-8)?
- What responses did it provoke in him in...
  - v9?
  - v18?
  - v13-14?
- Does suffering do that to Christians today?
- What does I Thessalonians 3:3-5 warn about such times?
- What should we do for those who suffer raw misery?
- Why is it strangely encouraging to read about what Jeremiah went through?

**ii Inside out**

- What does Jeremiah do in v7-18?
- What is wrong with what he says in v7?

- And what is wrong with what he says in v15-16?
- What can we learn from this?
- What does Jeremiah do right, though?
- How does the Lord deal with him?
- What can we do with the Lord, then?
- Give some other biblical examples of this.
- What is the supreme example of this?
- What should you do if your heart is breaking?

### iii Deep inside

- What comes deep inside Jeremiah in our passage?
- What happens in v11?
- What does this do to him in v13?
- What can we do, like Jeremiah, which may help in a time of misery?
- What must we do if we do not want to do this?
- Does Jeremiah stay buoyant?
- What does that teach us?
- What should we do?

### iii Deep inside

- What did Jesus suffer?
- How can he respond to us when we suffer?
- What must you do if you are not a Christian?