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(Jer 38:1-3 NIV) Shephatiah son of Mattan, Gedaliah son of Pashhur, Jehucal son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur son of Malkijah heard what Jeremiah was telling all the people when he said, (2) "This is what the LORD says: 'Whoever stays in this city will die by the sword, famine or plague, but whoever goes over to the Babylonians will live. He will escape with his life; he will live.' (3) And this is what the LORD says: 'This city will certainly be handed over to the army of the king of Babylon, who will capture it.'"
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• (Jer 38:4 NIV) Then They said to the king, "This man should be put to death. He is discouraging the soldiers who are left in this city, as well as all the people, by the things he is saying to them. This man is not seeking the good of these people but their ruin."

• They Didn’t Want To Hear What Jeremiah Was Saying
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- It Is Very Common For Ungodly People To Reject God’s Message

- Suspicion And Failure To Believe God Can Destroy Some Of Life’s Best Gifts
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• Jeremiah Was Being Faithful But His Message Wasn’t What These Princes **Wanted** To Hear

• The Lord’s Word For Us is Exactly What We **Need** To Hear

• The Good News Of Jesus Christ Is What This World **Needs To Hear**  
  -- There Are Many People Today Who **Don’t Want To Hear** It
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• Jeremiah’s Counsel Went Against Everything The Four Princes Wanted And Desired

• (2 Tim 4:3-4 NIV) For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. (4) They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.
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• (Jer 38:5 NIV) "He is in your hands," King Zedekiah answered. "The king can do nothing to oppose you."

• The King Responded To Peer Pressure –Cancel Culture
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CANCEL CULTURE SENT:

• Jeremiah To The Pit

• The 3 Hebrew Children To The Fiery Furnace

• Daniel To The Lion’s Den

• Christ To The Cross
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• It Is Time To Get A Backbone And Stand Up For What Is Right --
To Stop Caving Into The Spirit Of This Age.

• It Doesn’t Matter What Everyone Else Thinks --
It Matters What God Thinks!
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• (Jer 38:6 NIV) So they took Jeremiah and put him into the cistern of Malkijah, the king's son, which was in the courtyard of the guard. They lowered Jeremiah by ropes into the cistern; it had no water in it, only mud, and Jeremiah sank down into the mud.

• Those Who Don’t Want To Hear God’s Word Will Do Just About Anything To Silence It
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• No One Can Silence The Word Of God Or The Message From God

• (Phil 2:10 NIV) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,(11) and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
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• Many Men -- Nations -- Political Movements Have Tried To Stop The Word Of God **To No Avail!**

• Jesus Said **This Gospel Will Be Preached**
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• Jeremiah = In Mud Up To His Neck

• There Is Only One Way Out Of This Pit Through The Power Of God
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• (Lam 3:55 NIV)  I called on your name, O LORD, from the depths of the pit. (56) You heard my plea: "Do not close your ears to my cry for relief." (57) You came near when I called you, and you said, "Do not fear."

• Amid The Pit God’s Message To You: “Fear Not”
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• (Rev 1:17 NIV) "Do not be afraid. (Fear Not) I am the First and the Last. (18) I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades."
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• God Raised Up An Advocate

• (Jer 38:7 NIV) But Ebed-Melech, a Cushite, an official in the royal palace, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the cistern. While the king was sitting in the Benjamin Gate, (8) Ebed-Melech went out of the palace and said to him, (9) "My lord the king, these men have acted wickedly in all they have done to Jeremiah the prophet. They have thrown him into a cistern, where he will starve to death when there is no longer any bread in the city."
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• Trust In God -- He Will Respond

• He Will Raise A Life-Line In Your Defense

• Ebed-Melech Became An Advocate

• He Was God’s Advocate
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• God Knew Beforehand That Jeremiah Would Need A Way Out Of The Pit

• God Had The Way Out Of The Pit Prepared

• God Already Had A Life-Line Ready

• (Psa 37:23 KJV) The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.
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• (Jer 38:10 NIV) Then the king commanded Ebed-Melech the Cushite, "Take thirty men from here with you and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies." (11) So Ebed-Melech took the men with him and went to a room under the treasury in the palace. He took some old rags and worn-out clothes from there and let them down with ropes to Jeremiah in the cistern. (12) Ebed-Melech the Cushite said to Jeremiah, "Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to pad the ropes." Jeremiah did so, (13) and they pulled him up with the ropes and lifted him out of the cistern. And Jeremiah remained in the courtyard of the guard.
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• God’s Used His Advocate To Change The Heart Of A King

• God Can Use People You Don’t Even Know & Things You Are Not Aware of To Fulfill His Divine Will In You
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• God Already Has Your Life-Line On The Way

• God Has A Caravan
• God Has A King
• God Has An Advocate

• Ready For His People Who Set Out To Accomplish His Plan