Jeremiah 28:16

- The actual background of the story in Jer. 28 begins in Jer. 27.
  - Jeremiah was told to make wooden yokebars.
  - This illustrated Babylonian oppression.
  - This information was to be shared.
  - Disregard contradictory messages.

- Hananiah prophesied that Judah would experience a resurgence in two years.
- Hananiah took the wooden yoke-bars from off Jeremiah and broke them.
- Later Jeremiah would visit Hananiah and deliver some "grave" news.
- What's the take away for us?

- NOT EVERYONE WHO APPEARS TO BE ON GOD'S SIDE IS.
- Many will tell you how to have meaningful and pleasing worship.
- Many will tell you how to be saved apart from teachings and examples of the apostles.

- DELIVERING GOD'S PAINFUL TRUTHS IS NEITHER ENJOYABLE NOR PREFERABLE
- God's people are sometimes made out to be the scum of the earth instead of the light of the world.
- Jeremiah was the first to say Amen to Hananiah's prediction. It's what he also wanted.
- Sin is sin but sinners are lost souls that need guidance.

- BE PREPARED FOR DEATH
- I wonder if Hananiah felt any remorse about lying.
- I wonder if he felt any real threat about dying.
- Are we ready?
- What if we heard "this year you shall die?"