

Jeremiah 20: 10-13

John 10: 31-42

The words that spoke to me today come right at the end of today's Gospel from John. "Many people that came to him there (on the far side of the Jordan) said, 'John gave no signs, but all he said about this man was true'; and many of them believed in him."

Note that these people 'came' to Jesus. They came to listen to his Word and they recognised the signs that the Jews in the earlier part of the Gospel did not. People who, out of fear and lack of understanding, were driven to want to stone him.

Jeremiah was the victim of a similar onslaught. He is the victim of misunderstanding. "I hear so many disparaging me, 'Terror from every side!' 'Denounce him! Let us denounce him!'" That is what people want to do when they are fearful and lack true understanding. But then Jeremiah turns (comes) to the source of, 'all truth and strength,' that he has seen and heard. "But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero: my opponents will stumble..... "I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord."

Jeremiah and, more so Jesus, put their trust in God. Jesus asks only that we do the same. Come to him, reflect on his Word, and find direction and strength.