



Pursuing Kingdom Excellence

Our reaction to God's Word

Jeremiah 36

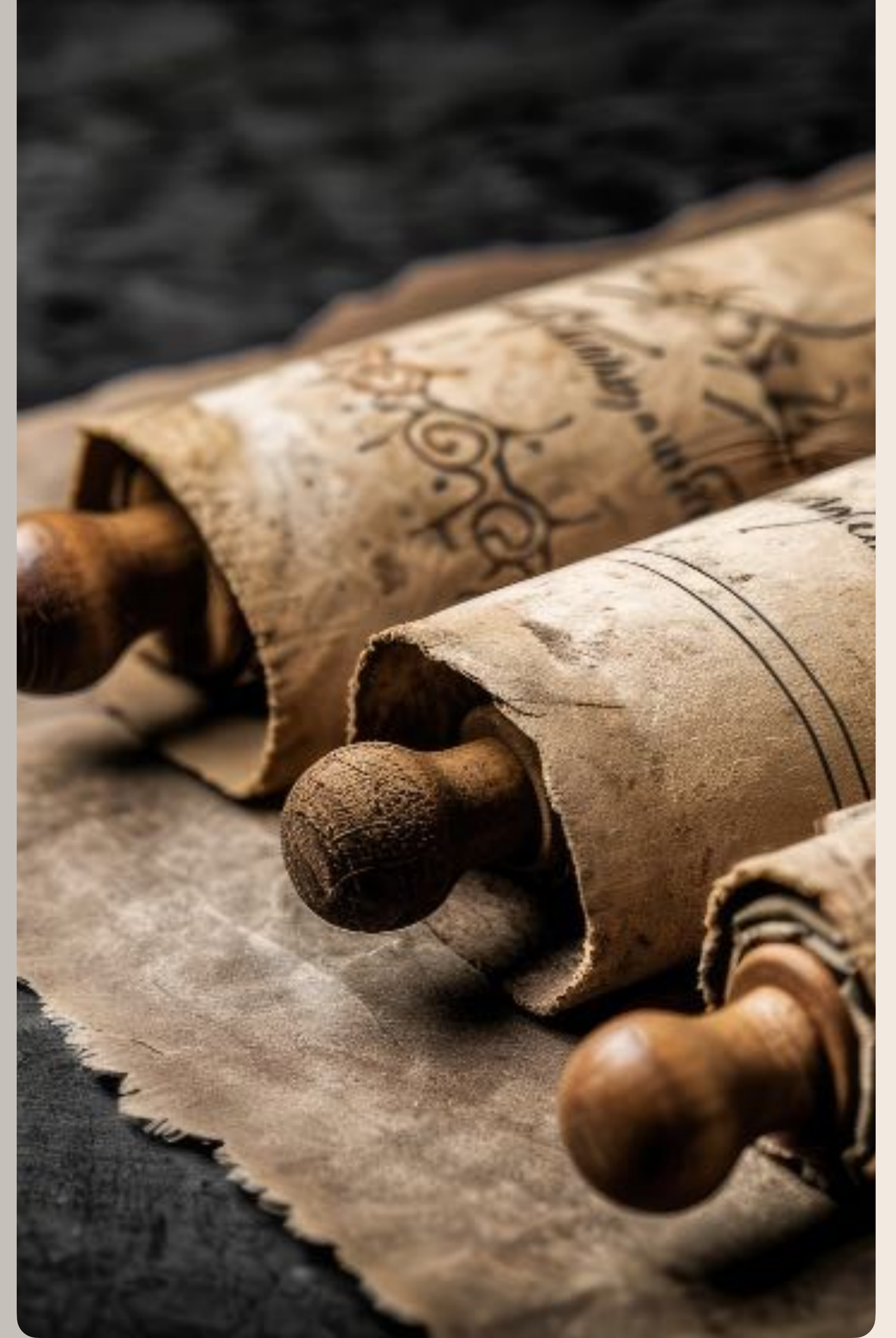
Looking at how we react and respond when we are confronted with God's Word.



God has something to say

And He wants us to know
what it is

“¹ In the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ² ‘Take a scroll and write on it all the words I have spoken to you concerning Israel, Judah and all the other nations from the time I began speaking to you in the reign of Josiah till now.’” Jeremiah 36:1—2





God's Message

His reason for writing
the scroll

“³ Perhaps when the people of Judah hear about every disaster I plan to inflict on them, they will each turn from their wicked ways; then I will forgive their wickedness and their sin.”

Jeremiah 36:3

The King's response

Burning truth

“²² It was the ninth month and the king was sitting in the winter apartment, with a fire burning in the brazier in front of him. ²³ Whenever Jehudi had read three or four columns of the scroll, the king cut them off with a scribe's knife and threw them into the brazier, until the entire scroll was burned in the fire.”

Jeremiah 36:22—23





Our response

What do we do with
God's Word?

“25 Even though Elnathan,
Delaiah and Gemariah urged
the king not to burn the
scroll, he would not listen to
them.” **Jeremiah 36:25**



Enlightenment is not without pain. But the pain, accepted and endured, is not a maiming but a purging. Every significant utterance is a wound, but ‘faithful are the wounds of a friend.’



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