

**For Use at Home:**

Finish reading Jeremiah 2 beginning with verse 25.

*“Do not let your foot be without shoes, or your throat dry from need of water: but you said,*

*“There is no hope: no, for I have been a lover of strange gods, and after them I will go.”*

*As the thief is shamed when he is taken, so is Israel shamed; they, their kings and their rulers, their priests and their prophets;*

*Who say to a tree, You are my father; and to a stone, You have given me life:*

*For their backs have been turned to me, not their faces: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Up! and be our Savior. But where are the gods you have made for yourselves? Let them come, if they are able to give you salvation in the time of your trouble: for the number of your gods is as the number of your towns, O Judah.*

*Why will you put forward your cause against me? You have all done evil against me, says the Lord.*

*I gave your children blows to no purpose; they got no good from training: your sword has been the destruction of your prophets, like a death-giving lion.*

*O generation, see the word of the Lord. Have I been a waste land to Israel? or a land of dark night? why do my people say, We have got loose, we will not come to you again? Is it possible for a virgin to put out of her memory her ornaments, or a bride her robes? but my people have put me out of their memories for unnumbered days.*

*How skillfully you pursue love; you also teach evil women your ways. Moreover, your skirts are stained with the blood of the innocent poor. You did not catch them*

*breaking and entering. But in spite of all these things you still say, I have done no wrong; truly, his wrath is turned away from me.*

*See, I will take up the cause against you, because you say, I have done no wrong.*

*Why do you go about so much for the purpose of changing your way? You will be shamed on account of Egypt, as you were shamed on account of Assyria.*

*Truly, you will go out from him with your hands on your head: for the Lord has given up those in whom you have put your faith, and they will be of no help to you.” ~Jer 2:25-37*

Now recall the lessons we have learned since we began reading Jeremiah.

I've taught on...

- our sense of inability to turn from our “other lovers”
- how they have been used by us as a replacement for God (which is why God in verse 28 says “let them deliver you”)
- We spend some time on the correction of the Lord and the training it brings to those who will listen under.

So hopefully you can easily see many of the themes which are mentioned in this last segment of chapter 2, have been the topics of much of the teaching we covered. So I would like you to treat these last verses as a collective review of all we have covered. See it all as one big picture instead of the individual parts I taught on as we went.