

## A Family's Example

### Jeremiah 35:5 - 11

Devotional Reading: Luke 6:40 - 46

Background Scripture: Jeremiah 7:1 - 26

**LESSON AIMS:** the students will:

- **Identify** the invitation and reply regarding wine
- **Compare** and **contrast** the decision to abstain from wine with similar and dissimilar decisions elsewhere in Scripture
- **Consider** a family tradition that he or she could implement to remind family members to be faithful to God's commands

**INTRODUCTION:** Study of the prophets shows that their of communication is not easy. God uses Jeremiah to try to get through to the people of Judah, even when they are not listening. The events in this passage more than likely happened early in the reign of Jehoiakin, who ruled Judah from 609 to 598 BC, which was a time of significant turmoil for the Kingdom of Judah. They were again facing political and military pressure from powerful neighbors, specifically Babylon. God allowed this event to teach the people of Judah about their unfaithfulness. His purpose: to call His people, the people of Judah, to repentance as they faced impending destruction of their disobedience.

**KEY VERSE:** <sup>14</sup>*The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment: notwithstanding I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye hearkened not unto me. Jeremiah 35:14*

**LESSON OUTLINE:**

Ancestral Practice

Jeremiah 35:5 - 6

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Full Obedience

verses 7 - 10

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**Summary:** The unwavering commitment of the Rechabites allows and encourages others to examine their devotion to their beliefs. They show the importance of upholding one's values when pressures and temptations come. As the Rechabites would not compromise and give in to the accepted norms of the surrounding culture, believers today are to maintain their integrity and stay true to their spiritual convictions.

**Questions:**

1. *Consider a recent time when your deeply held convictions were challenged. What did you do?*
2. *What about being a Christian causes you to feel like you "stand out" among others you know?*
3. *When you have had to consider a deeply held tradition or habit, whether to be consistent or to change course? What sort of circumstances would justify the changing of a long-held tradition or habit?*

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DAY / DATE	SCRIPTURE	
Mon., Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup>	The Dangers of Strong Drink	Proverbs 23:29 – 35
Tue., Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Keep Earthly Pleasures in Perspective	Ecclesiastes 9:4 – 10
Wed., Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Be Filled with the Spirit	Ephesians 5:11 – 19
Thurs., Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>	The Nazarite Vow	Numbers 6:1 – 8
Fri., Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Called to Holiness	1 Thessalonians 4:1 – 7
Sat., Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Keep Awake!	1 Thessalonians 5:1 – 10
Sun., Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup>	A Vow of Holiness	Jeremiah 35:5 - 11