

➤ **The temptation to compromise** (v. 1-5)

Jeremiah 35:1,4-5

1 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord during the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah: 2 "Go to the Rekabite family and invite them to come to one of the side rooms of the house of the Lord and give them wine to drink."... 4 I brought them into the house of the Lord...5 Then I set bowls full of wine and some cups before the Rekabites and said to them, "Drink some wine."

Rekabite vow → do not live in houses, do not have farms/vineyards, do not drink wine

"You cannot keep birds from flying over your head, but you can keep them from building a nest in your hair." – Martin Luther

Fighting temptation...

- **Know when you are susceptible.**

BHALT (bored, hungry, angry, lonely, tired)

- **Stand on God's promises.**

James 4:7

... Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

➤ **The resolve to obey** (v. 6-14)

Jeremiah 35:6,8

6 But they replied, "We do not drink wine, because our forefather Jehonadab son of Rekab gave us this command: 'Neither you nor your descendants must ever drink wine...'8 We have obeyed everything our forefather Jehonadab son of Rekab commanded us. Neither we nor our wives nor our sons and daughters have ever drunk wine

Knowing who you are shapes how you live.

"I am not the man I ought to be. I am not the man I hope to be. But by the grace of God, I am not the man I used to be." – John Newton

Jeremiah 35:12-14

12 Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying: 13 "This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Go and tell the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, 'Will you not learn a lesson and obey my words?' declares the Lord. 14 'Jehonadab son of Rekab ordered his descendants not to drink wine and this command has been kept. To this day they do not drink wine, because they obey their forefather's command. But I have spoken to you again and again, yet you have not obeyed me.

If the Rekabites could obey their earthly father with such devotion then how much more should the Israelites be devoted to the commands and directives of God?!

"The missing note in evangelical life today is not in the first instance spirituality but rather obedience. We have generated a variety of religion to which obedience is not regarded as essential." – Dallas Willard



➤ **The reward of faithfulness** (v. 18-19)

Jeremiah 35:18-19

18 Then Jeremiah said to the family of the Rekabites, "This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: 'You have obeyed the command of your forefather Jehonadab and have followed all his instructions and have done everything he ordered.' 19 Therefore this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: 'Jehonadab son of Rekab will never fail to have a descendant to serve me.'"

The Rekabites' reward was proximity to glory.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day..

The reward for holding *faithfully* to Jesus in this life is the *fullness* of Jesus for eternity!

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