



**Luke 19:45-46,  
Jeremiah 7:1-12**  
**Safe House**

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- 1 → Jeremiah wasn't addressing people who had stopped coming — he was at the gate talking to the devout. What does it do to you to realize the den was built by the faithful, not the irreligious?
- 2 → Several things were mentioned — attendance, tithing, committees, knowing Greek, counting conversions — what thing do you reach for most readily when you need to establish that you're okay? What does that tell you?
- 3 → When does showing up become a substitute for being changed? Have you ever recognized that your religious, or faith, habits were maintaining you rather than forming you — and kept going anyway? Why?
- 4 → The den isn't where the damage happens. It's where you go after. Where in your own life have you used a spiritual rhythm — prayer, worship, service, community — as retreat from accountability rather than encounter with it? (Jeremiah 7:11)
- 5 → Ichabod was named for a departure nobody planned and nobody announced until it was already done. Where have you inherited religious structures or habits that were already functioning as a cover before you arrived? How do you reckon with that? (1 Samuel 4:21)
- 6 → The Crystal Cathedral still has a cross on it. Worship still happens inside. What is the difference between a community that has retained the form of faith and one where something is actually alive? How do you tell from the inside?
- 7 → Jesus cleared the court and then stayed to teach — every day. He didn't declare victory and leave. What does it mean that his response to a den is inhabitation, not abandonment? What would it look like for us to do the same? (Luke 19:47)
- 8 → The question was asked whether you leave changed or just relieved. Which is more honestly true for you right now — and what would it look like to pursue something different?
- 9 → **EXTRA CREDIT:** Some dens are built by the people inside them. Others are already running when you arrive. What's the difference between complicity and responsibility — and where does faithful response actually begin?