



**Sermon #1 – Modern Living, Vintage Values:
Returning to the Basics**

Jeremiah 6:16-21

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Discuss Sermon

- What is the significance of reclaiming “Vintage Values” as a culture?
- How does your walk serve as a witness to others? What are two ways you can improve your walk this week?

The Hebrew term for **“Walk”** carries the idea of a conscious choice of action that refers to following God’s Word and His plan above all others even though the road is tough and narrow.

Exchange Views

Each of us faces pain and difficulties, no two ways about it. I firmly believe that in every situation, no matter how difficult, God extends grace greater than the hardship, and strength and peace of mind that can lead us to a place higher than where we were before. – **Andy Griffith**

Many times people lose sight of the most important values in life when they go through difficult situations or get overwhelmed with the busyness of life. During the days of Jeremiah, the nation of Israel lost focus of the most important priority in life. The Lord sent the prophet to remind them of His Word and direct them return to Him.

- What are some of the obstacles that have caused you to lose focus on “Vintage Values” over the years?
- What advice would you give others to encourage them to stay focused on the right values in this life?

Examine Text – Jeremiah 6:16-21

Read the main text from the sermon and reflect on the key words, phrases, and lessons that God is teaching us.

- What are the key lessons that you learn from this text?
- What realities found in Jeremiah chapter six apply in our culture today?

Personalize Truth

We learned about a “**Four Step Strategy**” of Reclaiming those Vintage Values and Returning to the Basics in the message today. The strategy is known as the “**S.L.A.W.**” strategy:

- **Step #1** – We Must Stand for Truth
- **Step #2** – We Must Look for Moments of Application of the Word of God
- **Step #3** – We Must Ask for God to Move the Heart of the Nation
- **Step #4** – We Must Walk in the Word of God as a Nation

This is not a new idea by any means. This strategy was presented to the nation of Israel through the prophet Jeremiah as they went through a very similar time as ours as a country. God used Jeremiah just like He wants to use Christians today to deliver these same **Four Steps in Reclaiming Vintage Values** in order to return to Him.

- How can you apply these four steps in your own life this week?
- How can you help others apply these four steps?

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