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**Date:** Feb. 1, 2026 **Message:** The Necessity and Insufficiency of the Law

**Series:** The Whole Story **Scripture:** Jeremiah 17 & 31 (select verses)

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The necessity of the law:

The insufficiency of the law:

The fulfillment of the law:

1. In what ways have you noticed that following God results in a wonderful abundance, comparable to trees planted near a stream (Jer. 17:8); while rejecting God results in feeling parched, comparable to living in an uninhabited salt land (Jer. 17:6)?
2. How do you typically experience God's commands: as guidance, pressure, accusation, invitation, or something else? Why do you think that is? What difference does it make to view them one way or another?
3. How do you usually respond when you fail morally or spiritually: try harder, hide better, make excuses, confess it to others, pray that God would heal you (Jer. 17:14), or something else?
4. When you read or hear God's law, does it more often lead you to shame or to dependence on grace?
5. What's the difference between conviction that leads to healing and guilt that leads to hiding?
6. When have you noticed a heart shift in yourself from knowing you needed to do something to wanting to do it? What caused the change?
7. Where are you most resistant to admitting, "I can't fix this on my own"?
8. If our deepest problem is not *what* we do, but *what we want*, what do you currently want that you know is misaligned with God's heart?