



THE WORD *Alive*

The Preaching Ministry of
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THE CALL OF GOD JEREMIAH 1:1-10

1 The words of Jeremiah, the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, 2 to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah, the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. 3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the exile of Jerusalem in the fifth month. 4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, 5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations." 6 Then I said, "Alas, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, Because I am a youth." 7 But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' Because everywhere I send you, you shall go, And all that I command you, you shall speak. 8 "Do not be afraid of them, For I am with you to deliver you," declares the LORD. 9 Then the LORD stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. 10 "See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, To pluck up and to break down, To destroy and to overthrow, To build and to plant."

I. GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE

5 "Before I formed you in the womb I *knew* you..."

Knew: perceive; know by experience; complete knowledge; to foresee throughout eternity; to know all that is necessary to design/form you for His purpose.

5 "... And before you were born I *consecrated* you..."

Consecrate: separate; set apart for a purpose; dedicated;

Like Jeremiah, you are not here without a purpose in life for God instilled that within you as He formed you.

II. GOD EQUIPS YOU FOR THAT PURPOSE

God provides His PRESENCE and POWER

PRESENCE: 8 "Do not be afraid of them, For I am with you to deliver you," declares the LORD.

POWER: 9 "Then the LORD stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth."

III. GOD CALLS YOU TO THAT PURPOSE

It is God who initiates the call in our lives to serve and fulfill our purpose.

5 "I formed you...I knew you... I consecrated you; I appointed you."

4 "Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "

7 "But the LORD said to me...I send you....I command you..."

IV. YOU MUST RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

God has given us freedom of choice and we must choose to respond to His call.
6 "Then I said, "Alas, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, Because I am a youth."

CHALLENGE

God has a plan for your life to which he calls you to respond today. Walk through those doors of opportunity and respond to God's call for your life. Therein lies the key to the true abundant life as you live out a life of purpose and meaning according to the way God designed and so intended for you.

MY RESPONSE: I hereby commit to seek and respond to God's call upon my life.

I know that one area of service for which He has equipped me is:

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Knowing that God will provide everything I need, I will pursue the following specific service to Him: _____
