

Devotional

Based on Jeremiah 1-2 and the Themes of the Sermon Series

****Day 1: Formed Before You Were Born****

Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5

Devotional: Before you drew your first breath, God had already shaped you with intention. The Hebrew word yatsar, the potter's word, reminds us that your life is not an accident and your placement in this moment of history is not a mistake. God did not form Jeremiah for an easier era, and He did not form you for a simpler one. The confusion, the drift, the hostility of our age did not catch God off guard. He formed you knowing exactly what you would face. The question is not whether you are equipped. The question is whether you will trust the One who formed you.

Reflection: In what areas of your life have you questioned whether God made a mistake placing you here and now? How does the truth of divine formation change the way you see those areas today?

****Day 2: The Answer to Every Excuse****

Reading: Jeremiah 1:6-10

Devotional: Jeremiah's response to God's call sounds familiar because it is our response too. Too young, too old, too broken, too unknown, too far behind, too far gone. God does

not answer Jeremiah's objection by inflating his confidence. He answers it by asserting His own authority and His own presence. The mission does not rest on the messenger's charisma. It rests on the Word of God and the promise that God Himself goes with those He sends. Faithfulness, not brilliance, is what God requires. When we stop waiting until we feel ready and begin walking in obedience, we discover that His presence was the provision all along.

Reflection: What excuse have you been using to delay obedience to something God has clearly called you to do? What would it look like to take one step of obedience this week, trusting His presence over your own readiness?

****Day 3: God Watches Over His Word****

Reading: Jeremiah 1:11-12

Devotional: The vision of the almond branch carries a wordplay in Hebrew that is easy to miss but impossible to overstate. The almond tree is the first to bloom, and God says He is watching, alert, awake, and active over every word He has spoken. This is both comfort and sobriety. Every promise God has made is guaranteed. Every warning God has issued is equally guaranteed. The modern tendency is to embrace the promises while quietly setting aside the warnings. But God does not revise His Word to match the preferences of any generation. His Word will stand long after every cultural trend has faded. We do not get to edit what He has declared.

Reflection: Are there warnings in Scripture you have been treating as optional or outdated? How does the truth that God watches over His entire Word, not just the encouraging parts, shape the way you read and respond to Scripture?

****Day 4: The Broken Cisterns We Keep Digging****

Reading: Jeremiah 2:11-13

Devotional: God names the sin of His people with devastating clarity. They did not simply add something to their lives. They abandoned a fountain and replaced it with a cracked well of their own making. Idolatry is not only a matter of carved images. It is any pattern of drawing life, security, identity, or satisfaction from something other than the living God. The tragedy Jeremiah exposes is not merely that the cisterns are sinful. It is that they do not work. They cannot hold what the soul actually needs. The things we run to instead of God will always leave us thirsty. Only the fountain of living water can satisfy what is deepest in us.

Reflection: What broken cisterns have you been returning to repeatedly, hoping they will finally hold water? Name them honestly before God today. What would it look like to bring that thirst back to Him instead?

****Day 5: The Fountain Who Is Christ****

Reading: John 4:13-14 and Revelation 22:17

Devotional: Everything Jeremiah pointed toward finds its fullness in Jesus Christ. He is the fountain of living water that Jeremiah's people abandoned and that every generation since has been tempted to trade away. At a well in Samaria, Jesus offered a woman whose thirst had driven her through five broken cisterns the one thing that could finally satisfy. He offers the same to every soul who comes. He is not only the water. He is the One who bore the judgment our covenant treason deserved. He is the faithful Bridegroom for an unfaithful

people. The invitation at the end of Jeremiah's message is the same invitation Christ still extends today: return, drink, and live.

Reflection: Have you received the living water Christ offers, or are you still trying to satisfy your deepest needs from sources that were never designed to hold them? If you have received it, who in your life needs to hear this invitation today?