

*God Knows My Name*  
Jeremiah 1:5-10  
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*These are the words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, one of the priests from the town of Anathoth in the land of Benjamin. The Lord first gave messages to Jeremiah during the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah son of Amon, king of Judah. The Lord's messages continued throughout the reign of King Jehoiakim, Josiah's son, until the eleventh year of the reign of King Zedekiah, another of Josiah's sons. In August of that eleventh year the people of Jerusalem were taken away as captives.*

Jeremiah chapter 1, verses 1-3 (570)

- Jeremiah was the son of a priest and lived in a town set aside for priests.
- He was now 30 years old and ready to start his career as a priest.
- God had a change of plans for Jeremiah that would turn his world upside down.

*The Lord gave me this message: "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations."*

Jeremiah chapter 1, verses 4-5 (570)

- "appointed you as my prophet to the nations."
- Often times God's plans and my plans conflict.
- Jeremiah wanted to be a priest not a prophet.
- God is far more interested in our growth than our comfort.

**God knows you.**

- Before you were born God "knew you".
- He knows everyone of us intimately.
- I can trust God because he knows me better than anyone does.
- He has not forgotten you.

*You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.*

Psalm chapter 139, verses 13-16 (476)

*For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*

Ephesians chapter 2, verse 10 (896)

- ✓ God created me to be known by him and to know him.
- ✓ Pursue knowing God every day.
- ✓ I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead.

Philippians chapter 3, verse 10 (901)

## **Your life has God given purpose.**

*Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations."*

Jeremiah chapter 1, verse 5 (570)

- *"Before you were born I set you apart"*
- Each person was created on purpose for a purpose. No one is a mistake!
- Big Picture.... To know and love God.
- More specifically to find out what God wants me to do... where & how to serve him.
- Jeremiah's purpose to be a prophet... a messenger of God.
- Sin can alter my path but never destroy my God given purpose.

## **Jeremiah's Fear...**

*"O Sovereign Lord," I said, "I can't speak for you! I'm too young!"*

Jeremiah chapter 1, verse 6 (570)

## **God's Response...**

*The Lord replied, "Don't say, 'I'm too young,' for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. And don't be afraid of the people, for I will be with you and will protect you. I, the Lord, have spoken!"<sup>9</sup> Then the Lord reached out and touched my mouth and said, "Look, I have put my words in your mouth! Today I appoint you to stand up against nations and kingdoms. Some you must uproot and tear down, destroy and overthrow. Others you must build up and plant."*

Jeremiah chapter 1, verses 7-10 (570)

## **Your life has God given Power.**

- Where God gives responsibility he also gives ability.
- It's ok to feel inadequate but don't let it stop you.
- God's power works best with his plan.
- Fear can be the enemy of experiencing God's purpose & power.
- God will touch you with his power where you need it the most.
- The Lord doesn't ask us to be successful, he asks us to be faithful.

*I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. Ephesians chapter 1, verses 19-20 (895)*

Next Week: *Jesus & His message are radical!*