



## Part 4: Holy Plans

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**Scripture: Jeremiah 1** (*on back*)

You are known, and the Lord has holy plans for your life.

God is okay with your objections as long as you are okay with hearing his response.

God's response will speak to your spoken and unspoken fears.

God gives you a transforming experience in order to set you on a transforming mission.

God's mission simultaneously destroys brokenness and creates new life out of the rubble.

### Small Group Questions

- 1) Has it been your experience to feel known by God?
- 2) What does it mean for you to have a holy plan for your life?
- 3) Do you have an objection about how your life has turned out that you want to confront God with? What's is it? What do you think God is saying back to you?
- 4) Share a transforming experience that you have had with God. What type of action came out of that experience?
- 5) What brokenness in your life or in the world do you need to have God deconstruct?
- 6) What are the new things and new life do you think God wants to do in you?
- 7) How can we pray for you today?

## Jeremiah 1

The words of Jeremiah, the son of Hilkiah, one of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, and until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month.

### The Call of Jeremiah

<sup>4</sup> Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

<sup>5</sup> “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

<sup>6</sup> Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’;  
for to all to whom I send you,  
you shall go,  
and whatever I command you,  
you shall speak.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
declares the Lord.”

<sup>9</sup> Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me,

“Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup> See, I have set you this day over

nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to break down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.”

<sup>11</sup> And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Jeremiah, what do you see?” And I said, “I see an almond branch.” <sup>12</sup> Then the Lord said to me, “You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it.”

<sup>13</sup> The word of the Lord came to me a second time, saying, “What do you see?” And I said, “I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north.” <sup>14</sup> Then the Lord said to me, “Out of the north disaster shall be let loose upon all the inhabitants of the land. <sup>15</sup> For behold, I am calling all the tribes of the kingdoms of the north, declares the Lord, and they shall come, and every one shall set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all its walls all around and against all the cities of Judah. <sup>16</sup> And I will declare my judgments against them, for all their evil in forsaking me. They have made offerings to other gods and worshiped the works of their own hands. <sup>17</sup> But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. <sup>18</sup> And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land. <sup>19</sup> They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the Lord, to deliver you.”