



## Week Four

# RUNNING WITH THE HORSES THRIVING IN ADVERSITY - JEREMIAH

### Jeremiah's Adversity

4 *The word of the Lord came to me, saying,*

5 *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."*

#### Question :

- **If you were Jeremiah, and you heard you were called to be a prophet to heathen nations, what potential challenges or fears would go through your mind?**
- **What kinds/types of adversity should we expect [and the Bible warns us we will face] when we genuinely follow the teaching and person of Jesus Christ"?**

### Jeremiah's Complaint

6 *"Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young."*

#### Question :

- **Can you think of anyone else in scripture who was called to a task and felt unworthy? How did God relate to them?**
- **Why do we tend to make excuses [verbalized or in our heads] rather than saying "yes Lord, send me"? Why do excuses almost always translate into non-action?**

### God's Response #1

7 *But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.*

#### Question :

- **Do you think we ever get beyond the need for reassurance of the Lords love and protection of us? Are you more in need of hearing Him speak this or less?**
- **Pastor Paul said that [quoting John the Apostle] "*the greatest revelation we need in life is the depth, height and breadth of God's love for us. This revelation is the core need of humanity and resolves so much of our failings and fears*". What did he mean by this and how true do you think it is?**

### God's Response #2

9 *Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."*  
Jeremiah 1

#### Question :

- **Have you ever experienced the power of a 'a personal promise from God quickened to you by the spirit for a situation'? How did that word change your handling of adversity?**
- **Read James 1 : 2 - 8. What other principles do you see in this passage regarding needing a word from God in the midst of adversity?**