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[Jeremiah 1:4-8](#) – God called a young Jeremiah to do a task that He had been preparing him before he took his first breath. Despite the insecurity I feel or the hostility I experience, I must prioritize what God says about me.

- Ooh, Uno, Er, Drive, Grandmother who never drove a day would tell me how to drive.

It's a dangerous mindset to somehow believe I know better than God.

God has never once seen me as a burden (1:4-5).

- Chosen – God isn't stuck with you; He wanted you.
- Set Apart – He desires to make you holy.
- Appointed – You had a calling before you took a breath.
- Formed – He has designed you to accomplish certain things in this world.
- THEN BORN
- Were we designed intentionally, or did we appear accidentally?
- Were we made vs. were we made well?
- It's revealing that I am more critical of God's creative abilities than I am of my activity of carrying out what He designed me to be.
- If you aren't where you want to be in life now, you will either blame God or yourself.

Unchallenged insecurities will rob me of God-given opportunities (1:6).

- It's not about what you can't do, it's about what God can do
- Knowledge prohibits me
- Skill prohibits me
- Age prohibits me

I will miss God's best for my life if I refuse to go where He sends and share what He says (1:7).

- Different than dad's (1:1)
- Do you know what God's Word says?
- Are you sharing it with others?

If I fear the opinions of what others think about me, I'll overlook what God knows about me (1:8).

- We miss out on what God would do through us because we fear what others might say about us.
- Fear: persecution, isolation, ridicule, unacceptance
- God rescues us from their expectations and from our fear
- He has said it, that should be enough! No matter what others may declare about us, I must remember what God has said about me
- I need God's eternal truth more than culture's temporal opinions (1:9-10).

This world is desperate to convince me that I wasn't made in His image.

- Excess baggage

What God says about me is the most important thing about me.

- I am made in the image of God (Gen. 1:27)
- I am a part of a kingdom of priests (Ex. 19:6)
- I am his treasured possession (Deut. 7:6)
- I am the apple of His eye (Ps. 17:8)
- I am fearfully and wonderfully made (Ps. 139:14)
- I am not alone (Isa. 41:10)
- I am loved by God (John 3:16)
- I am a friend of God (John 15:13)
- I am no longer condemned (Rom. 8:1)
- I am more than a conqueror (Rom. 8:37)
- I am sanctified (1 Cor. 1:2)
- I am God's temple (1 Cor. 6:19)
- I am a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17)
- I am living by Christ living in me (Gal. 2:20)
- I am adopted by God (Eph. 1:5)
- I am His workmanship (Eph. 2:10)
- I am richly blessed (Phil. 4:19)
- I am filled with the presence of God (Col. 2:10)
- I am desired of God (Col. 3:12)
- I am part of a chosen race (1 Pet. 2:9).
- I am a child of God (1 John 3:1)