



**“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY:  
DOING WHO I AM”**

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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**TEXT: JEREMIAH 1:17-19**

**TITLE: GOD IS IN CONTROL**

**INTRODUCTION**

- A. Have you ever had to tell someone something they did not want to hear? How did that go? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. There is a burden placed upon the bearer of bad news \_\_\_\_\_
- C. The Wiz – Evillene, The Wicked Witch of the West, “Don’t Nobody Bring Me No Bad News” \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Jeremiah was a young man called to being a message of bad news \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Jeremiah had feelings of inadequacy
  - 2. Jeremiah had feelings of anxiety
  - 3. Jeremiah highlighted what he could not do and why he could not do it
  - 4. God touched the area of Jeremiah that he felt was lacking
- E. Inherent in our human nature is a desire to be wanted, needed, loved, appreciated, accepted, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

**“JEREMIAH, WHAT DO YOU SEE?”**

- A. Jeremiah’s 1<sup>st</sup> Vision - I see a branch of an almond tree \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. The almond tree – meaning “wakeful,” blossomed in January, and is the first to “wake” from the sleep of winter
  - 2. Seeing the almond tree signified the speedy approach of God’s judgment
- B. Jeremiah’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Vision – A boiling pot spilling from the north \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Meaning: out of the north, calamity and disaster will pour out on the people of the land
  - 2. God pronounced judgment upon Judah because:
    - a. They had forsaken God
    - b. Burned incense to other gods
    - c. Worshipped idol gods – made with their hands
- C. What do you see? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. What is God showing you? [In your family, in your community, on your job, in your church, etc.?)
  - 2. Why is God showing **YOU** what you see?

**“JEREMIAH, WHAT YOU WILL DO” [NOT, “WHAT WILL YOU DO?”]**

- A. Prepare yourself, and rise up \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Speak to them all that I command you
  - 2. Do not be dismayed before their faces, lest I dismay you before them
- B. Behold, I have made you this day [A fortified city / An iron pillar / Bronze walls / Against the whole land (including the kings, princes, priests and people)] \_\_\_\_\_
- C. They will fight against you, but will not prevail. For I am with you to deliver you \_\_\_\_\_
- D. What **YOU** will do? [Not, “What will you do?”] \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Prepare yourself and rise up
  - 2. Know that you are A fortified city / An iron pillar / Bronze walls / Against everything and everyone
  - 3. Know that they will fight against you, but will not prevail
  - 4. Why will they not prevail against you? God is with you to deliver you