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Living Up to Your Potential Jeremiah 1:1-10

Series: Run with the Horses: Faithful Living in a Fearful World

Central Passage

Jeremiah 1:5 (ESV) — 5 "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."

Central Thought: Each one of us has God-given potential – a call on our lives that can only be fully realized in relationship with and in obedience to Jesus.

- ❖ God calls us, in his timing, in the context of our ordinary lives to extra-ordinary activity for his kingdom purposes.

Luke 3:23 (ESV) — 23 Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli...

Jeremiah 1:1–3 (ESV) — 1 The words of Jeremiah, the son of Hilkiah, one of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, 2 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. 3 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.

- ❖ God's call on our lives is embedded in our DNA by the creative, consecrative power of God.

Jeremiah 1:4–5 (ESV) — 4 Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 5 "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."

Acts 17:26 (ESV) — 26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place,

- ❖ God's call is not determined by our fitness, but by his faithfulness and our obedience.

Jeremiah 1:6–8 (ESV) — 6 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." 7 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. 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD."

Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV) — 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

1 Corinthians 1:26–29 (ESV) — 26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.