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A Vision for Life Jeremiah 1:9-19

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

Central Passage

Jeremiah 1:18–19 (ESV) — **18** 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. **19** They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the LORD, to deliver you."

Central Thought: As we keep the vision of God's persistent presence and protective power before us, we are enabled to live lives of courage and grace, ready to respond to the call of God in Christ to go wherever he calls us to go, say whatever calls us to say and do whatever he calls to do.

Envisioning God's Call...

❖ God calls us to His work in His power.

Jeremiah 1:9–10 (ESV) — **9** 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.** **10** 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."

Acts 1:8 (ESV) — **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

❖ God's work through us will be accomplished.

Jeremiah 1:11–12 (ESV) — **11** And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see an almond branch." **12** Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, **for I am watching over my word to perform it.**"

Galatians 6:9–10 (ESV) — **9** And let us not grow weary of doing good, **for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.** **10** So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

❖ God's work through us cannot be thwarted!

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Isaiah 54:17 (ESV) — **17** no weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD and their vindication from me, declares the LORD."

Romans 8:28 (ESV) — **28** And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.