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Jeremiah 1:5-6, “⁵Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, [and] I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. ⁶Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I [am] a child.”

We often picture the prophets of old as very aged men with long gray beards. Jeremiah was the opposite. When the LORD called Jeremiah, he was so young that he told the LORD he could not speak because he was a child.

We certainly don't know how old Jeremiah was, but he was young. The LORD told him not to say he was a child. The LORD let Jeremiah know that He knew him before he was even born. Before he was born the LORD sanctified Jeremiah to be a prophet. The LORD obviously knew the type of heart that Jeremiah would develop, and chose him to be a prophet.

When we are young, it's sometimes hard to speak to people or find the right words. There are many reasons a younger person, or anyone, might be afraid to speak for the LORD. The LORD addresses and solves all these reasons for Jeremiah.

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Sunday 9 AM & 5 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

1. **Say not I am a child.** The LORD first of all told Jeremiah not to say He was a child. The LORD was going to use Jeremiah as a prophet regardless of his age. Likewise, our age doesn't matter. We need to turn to the LORD early. Ecclesiastes 12:1, “*Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.*”

2. **Thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee.** Jeremiah didn't have to wonder where to go or who to speak to. The LORD was going to send him. This made it much easier for Jeremiah to have the LORD direct him where to go. For us today, there are opportunities all about us to tell others about the word of God. Whether it be in a foreign land, or next door, we know where to go. Mark 16:15, “*And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*”

3. **Whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.** Jeremiah didn't have to wonder what to speak—the LORD would tell him. For us, the answer is the same. Throughout the Bible the LORD tells us what to speak. In the above verse in Mark 16:15 we are to preach the gospel. We are not to speak words of men or some organization. We are to preach the pure word of God. If one can open the Bible and read, then you can speak the word the LORD wants us to tell others.

4. **Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee.** No doubt Jeremiah would have had some fear to go speak to others. It can be fearful to go to others, not knowing how they will react or what they will do. Jeremiah was not to be afraid of their faces. The LORD was with him to deliver him.

I cannot think of a more comforting thought than to know that the LORD is with us. The Psalmist wrote in Psalm 34:7, “*The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.*”

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Richard Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry.**

Lauren Candela is slowly recovering from her surgeries. **Rick Gibbs** has been having a lot of issues with kidney failure and has been unable to attend. He is staying with his niece in Shepherdsville, KY. **Jerry Reynolds**, husband of Elaine, has some colon cancer concerns and there is a spot on his lung. **Alice Vanderstoep** is home from the hospital but expects to have surgery soon to remove multiple kidney stones.

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Jesus Himself said in Matthew 28:19-20, “¹⁹*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, [even] unto the end of the world. Amen.*”

There can be no more comforting thought than to know the LORD is with us always. He will be unto the end of the world. Those of the world do not have the LORD with them. What a sad thought to know that you went through this life, and could have had the LORD with you all the way, and never did. We in the LORD have a blessing the world can never understand. No wonder Paul said in Philippians 4:7, “*And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*”

5. Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. In Jeremiah 1:9 we are told, “*Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.*” The LORD by touching the mouth of Jeremiah put His words in the mouth of Jeremiah.

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Sunday, October 1, 2023		
Classes	8	Mark 15:1-10
Preaching	14	I Peter 5:6-11
Contribution	\$788.0	
Evening	13	Singing (Psalm 150)
Wednesday, October 4, 2023		
Classes	19	Hebrews 4:1-16

Visitors— Oct 1 (PM) Frankie & Marcie Weller (Magnolia, KY); Ronda Mischos (Buffalo, KY); Randy Lane (Elizabethtown, KY)

Bible Quiz

The word of God is sharper than what kind of sword?
Last Week's Answer— Measuring line (Zechariah 2:1)

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If we let the LORD “touch” us through His word, and spend much time studying it and meditating upon it, His words too will be put into our mouths. We will learn what to say to teach people the gospel that can save their souls.

No matter our age, young or old, we can speak for the LORD. The LORD has provided the words for us. They are found in the pages of the Bible.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)