



**THURSDAY 11.25.10**

**Jeremiah 15:16**

Jeremiah had a passion for his calling to share God's words and lift up God's name to be glorified. It gave him great joy and delight. When God gave him words to speak, he accepted them with obedience and carried out the assignment faithfully. Today, as you celebrate Thanksgiving, remember the joy God's word brings into your life and give thanks.

- Have you ever resisted what you felt was an assignment from God? What did you learn from that experience?
- On this Thanksgiving Day, how will you bear the name of God with joy and delight?
- Do you think God cares if you're willing to be open to his will for your life?

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**FRIDAY 11.26.10**

**Jeremiah 6:16**

Jeremiah seems to know that occasionally we will arrive at a crossroads and need some help making decisions about which way to go. He encourages us to seek the ancient paths and to stop and ask for directions. Generally we don't like stopping to ask for directions. We want to find our own way. And yet, it seems that lonely path is often filled with mistakes and wasted time. Jeremiah's words encourage us to stop for awhile and listen for God's guidance for the way we live our lives. Walking in God's path will refresh your soul.

- Who represents the "ancient paths" and "the good way" in your life?
- How does this relationship bring "rest for your soul"?
- How might being open to God's will for your life change your direction?

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**Message:** *Where Do I Go from Here?*

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 1:4-9

*Things I'd like to remember from today's sermon:*

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## Introduction

These readings are designed to encourage you on your journey to discover, confirm or reaffirm God's unique calling and will for your life. All our readings connect with the life of Jeremiah, a young man called by God to be a prophet. The prophets spoke for God and were often interpreters of God's will.

Through Jeremiah, God called the people of Judah to repent from the idol worship and immorality that had become so prevalent in that time. As painful as it was for Jeremiah to deliver a consistent message of judgment to his own people, Jeremiah was obedient to what God told him to do and say. Jeremiah loved Judah, but he loved God more.

Jeremiah was consistently obedient to the assignments God gave him, and even though he complained to God about how hard the assignments were and how negatively the people responded to the words God gave him, he continued to love God, and God continued to love Jeremiah.

Jeremiah remained open to God's will for his life even though the assignments were hard and he never experienced any great success. Are you willing to be open to God's will for your life no matter what the consequences might be? This week's prayer is a powerful but simple one, one we hope you will continue to pray each day, even after this week has ended.

**God, show me your will for my life. Amen.**



## TUESDAY 11.23.10

## Jeremiah 33:1-3

Because of his prophecies to the people of Judah, Jeremiah is placed in prison by the king of Judah, who himself is about to be imprisoned by the king of Babylon. The invasion and exile that Jeremiah has warned the people about is now eminent. As Jeremiah sits in prison, God comes to him and says these words, "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

- Are there things you do not know? As you spend more and more time alone with God, he can and will tell you "great and unsearchable things" that you need to know about your life. What steps can you take to carve out more time to be alone with God?
- When are you most willing to be open to God's will for your life?

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## MONDAY 11.22.10

## Jeremiah 17:7-8

Today's passage reflects similar words found in Psalm 1, words and images of healthy green trees planted by streams of living water which bear fruit and remain vibrant even in the toughest times. Both passages speak of the blessed life, the life we experience when we flourish as God's unique creation. To flourish, we must discipline ourselves to stay close to God.

Jeremiah's words encourage us to be more deliberate about placing our trust and confidence in God so that we can continue to discover more about God's will for our lives.

- On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 representing "languishing" and 10 representing "flourishing," where would you place yourself today?
- Are you willing to be open to God's will for your life?

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## WEDNESDAY 11.24.10

## Jeremiah 29:11-13

How should we feel about God having a plan in mind for our lives? We are reminded that it may be God's plan, but it is still our choice to follow the plan. And, Jeremiah assures us that God's plan for our lives is a good one, in fact, a better life than we could plan for ourselves.

- Have you ever felt as though God's plan for your life might be harmful or filled with poverty or hopelessness? How do Jeremiah's words correct your thinking about that?
- Jeremiah encourages us to seek God, and in response, God will allow us to find him. Do you feel you know how and where to find God?
- Do you feel that God's will for your life could be better than your own plan?

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