

# Jeremiah 1:4-10

## 4 Facts From God's Unique Purpose For Every Person



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- Scenario: A preacher and his wife have 14 children. The wife discovers she is pregnant again. The family is extremely poor. Considering the poverty, the other children, and world population, would you recommend abortion?
- 1920 Book, “Women And The New Race” by Margaret Sanger, “...the most merciful thing that a large family does to one of its infants is to kill it.”

- If choice was abortion; would have murdered John Wesley
- He was preacher, evangelist, author, editor, and hymn writer
- From 1730's to 1791: traveled on horse back or carriage over 250,000 miles sharing gospel
- In lifetime, preached over 40,000 sermons
- One of the founders of revival movement that eventually became the Methodist Denomination

# Background/Context

- Book written by prophet Jeremiah; name means, “The Lord Exalts, or The Lord Establishes”
- Jeremiah ministered to people of S. Kingdom of Judah for 40 years; wrote book (586 BC)
- Served in time of great turmoil; Assyrian empire waning and Babylonians becoming next world power
- Jeremiah sent with message to people that confronted sin, but also spoke of God’s forgiveness and restoration

# God Constructs Us Exquisitely

- (vv.4-5a) After brief introduction that details Jeremiah's family, God delivers insightful revelation (shows God's value of every life)
- Jeremiah (and all people) unique and divine creation of God Himself; people known by God BEFORE they born
- Life begins at conception
- “formed” – “potter who sculpts clay into specific, useful object”
- “knew” – “to know by personal experience”  
God knows all about every person even before birth
- Life is God's domain!

- Isaiah 44:24, “This is what the Lord says – your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the Lord, who has made all things,…”



- Dr. Jerome LeJone, Professor of Genetics at the University of Descartes in Paris, France
- Discovered the specific genetic pattern of Down's Syndrome
- "I submit that human life is present throughout this entire sequence from conception to adulthood and that any interruption at any point throughout this time constitutes a termination of human life."

# God Commissions Us Individually

- (v.5b) God has lovingly and purposely chosen each person for specific work and kingdom service
- “sanctified” – “to be set apart for special use” God had specific position tailor-made for Jeremiah (and all people)
- “ordained” – “to appoint, designate for active purpose” God commanded Jeremiah into existence and had spiritual purpose for him specifically
- God has special, specific, and supernatural purpose for every person



- Ezekiel 18:4, “For every living soul belongs to Me, the father as well as the son – both alike belong to Me.”
- Psalm 139:16, “Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.”



# God Concentrates Our Focus

- (vv.6-8) Jeremiah blessed with insight about his life value and purpose; not sure he could fulfill, uncertain
- Lord directs his focus from himself to the greatness of God
- Jeremiah given helpful direction and instruction; go to where I send you, speak what I command you, don't be afraid (message not easy, but I will help you)
- Important thing; not Jeremiah's ability or lack thereof
- Important thing; Jeremiah's faithfulness to God and His word

- Prov. 31:8-9, “Open your mouth for the speechless, in the case of all who are appointed to die. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and widow.”



**STAND UP**

**SPEAK UP.**

# God Cares For Us Abundantly

- (vv.9-10) God always empowers/equips His servants; Jeremiah given supernatural enablement to speak God's word in truth and love
- God gives Jeremiah a position of authority and influence; he is to proclaim God's truth in that sphere of influence
- Many will not listen; faces – angry, scoff
- Message not easy: “root out, pull down, destroy and throw down”
- Message also filled with love: “build up and plant”

- Exodus 23:7, “Have nothing to do with a false charge and do not put an innocent or honest person to death, for I will not acquit the guilty.”

