

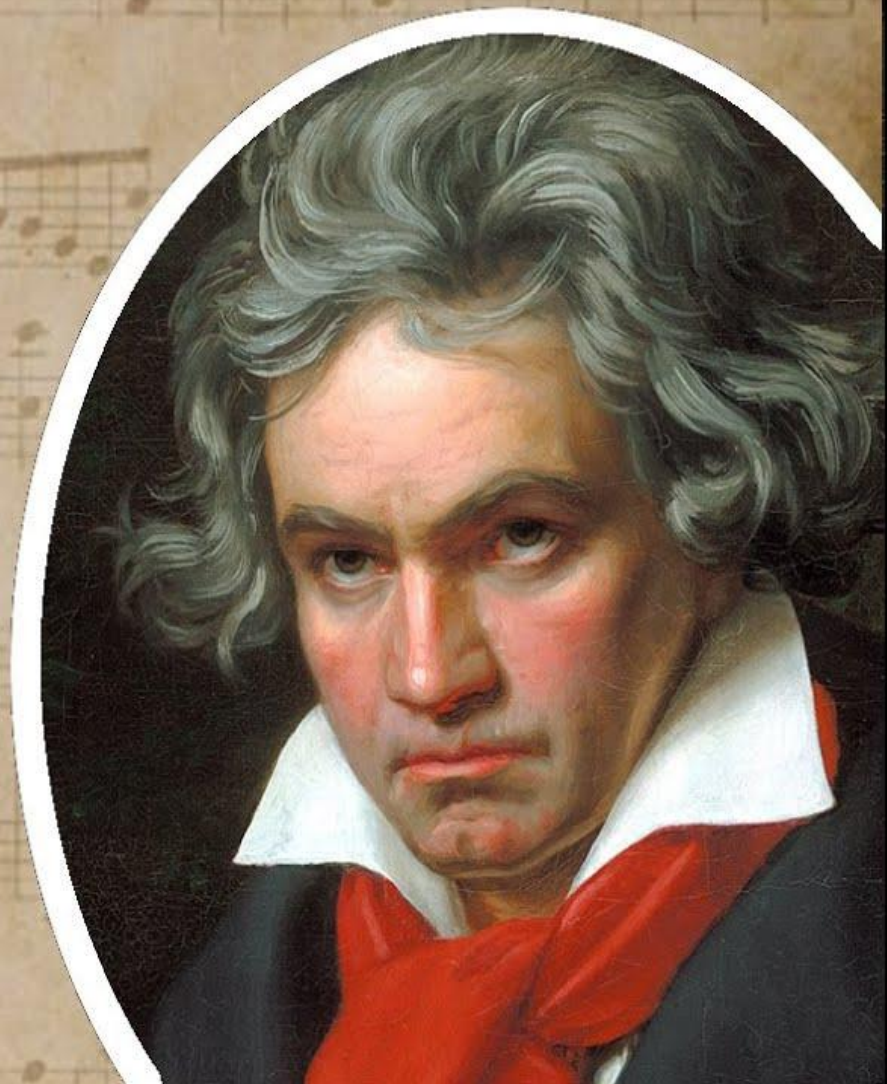
Jeremiah 1:4-10

4 Facts About God's Purpose For Every Life



- Scenario: There is a family, the father is sick with syphilis, the mother has Tuberculosis. The husband and wife have 4 children.
- First child: blind
- Second child: sick and will soon die
- Third child: deaf
- Fourth child: tuberculosis
- Mother is pregnant again; what do we recommend?

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Context/Background

- Author: Jeremiah, “The Lord Exalts, The Lord Establishes”
- Audience: Jewish people, S. Kingdom of Judah (586 BC)
- Setting: During Jeremiah’s life, the Assyrian Empire was waning and the Babylonians were becoming the new world superpower
- Jeremiah served in time of great upheaval and turmoil
- He sent with message of repentance and forgiveness, but many would not heed

God Constructs Us Exquisitely

- (vv. 4-5a) Jeremiah given revelation from God about his purpose in life
- God shared Jeremiah (all people as well) are master creation of God
- God knows each person before they born and every life has great value
- “formed you in the womb” – potter who creates with clay
- “I knew you...” – to know by personal experience

- 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,...”



God Commissions Us Individually

- (v. 5b) God has a course of life for every person; every person has a purpose for living
- “sanctified” – to set apart for special use; to dedicate to a special purpose
- “ordained” – to appoint, designate for active purpose, to assign a position
- Every person specifically created to special work

- Ezekiel 18:4, “For every living soul belongs to Me, the father as well as the son – both alike belong to Me.”
- Ps. 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 Counsels Us Lovingly

- (vv. 6-8) Jeremiah given assignment for service (his purpose in Kingdom work)
- Felt he not able to do work; believed he wasn't adequate to God's ministry
- Lord lovingly, yet truthfully counseled Jeremiah and gave him directions for moving forward
- Key: The Lord is the One who equips

- I Cors. 1:26, “For you see you calling brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called.”
- I Sam. 17:45, “Then David said, ‘You come to me with sword, with a spear, and with a javelin.’ ‘But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel whom you have defiled.’”



God Cares For Us Abundantly

- (vv. 9-10) Jeremiah given supernatural provision for ministry and service
- God told Jeremiah his work would often not be easy, but it would be truth and accomplish Kingdom purposes
- God supplies that which is needed for service
- Where He guides, He provides

- Isaiah 55:10, “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”

