**The Book of Jeremiah**

Chapter One: The Call

The call of Jeremiah is very similar to that of other prophets; he was reluctant and complained to God that he was a very young, inexperienced person. However, God assured young Jeremiah that he was not alone; through the Holy Spirit, God gave him the power and knowledge to carry out the awesome task of prophesying to a disobedient nation. One of the more familiar texts from this book is found in Chapter 1, *before I formed you in the womb I knew you* (V.5). Ultimately, Jeremiah accepts his call. In the final verses, God gives him his marching orders, assuring the prophet of God’s protection.

Outline

1. God's Announcement 1-5
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Questions for Study

1. The reaction that Jeremiah has to God’s call, particularly saying that he is too young, is reminiscent of what other prophet’s reaction? In addition, God’s touching Jeremiah’s mouth is similar to what other call scenario?
2. The almond tree has a special meaning in this text; what might God’s use of this symbol be?
3. What is a lesson for us in this text regarding God’s call on our lives and our feelings of inadequacy?

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