

# forLIFE

*The Calling*

## WHAT DOES OUR CALLING LOOK LIKE?

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### OUR CALLING

**God KNEW US** - We are planned.

**God FORMED US** - We are designed.

**God CHOSE US** - We have a purpose.

**God GAVE US AWAY** - We are not our own.

## HOW DO WE RESPOND TO THE CALL?

### WHAT IS GOD'S ANSWER?

But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you.” <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord. <sup>9</sup>Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.” *Jeremiah 1:7-10*

“Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them, or I will terrify you before them. <sup>18</sup>Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land — against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land. <sup>19</sup>They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord. *Jeremiah 1:17-19*

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## NEXT STEPS

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