



SERMON OUTLINE


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JEREMIAH 1:5



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INTRODUCTION

Two options

1. Use a video of a child praying up a storm
2. Describe a video you have seen of a child fervently praying
a. <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/YnINFEu8tVw>

Ask the question: Who will this little boy become? How will God use him? Does God have something special in mind for him or is it just a cute video?

Describe a personal example of how God used you as a child.


THEME AND TEXT

Theme: Made for a Divine Purpose

Key Verse: Jeremiah 1:5

Background Info on Jeremiah

1. Had a forty-year ministry
2. Was called by God as a 17–20-year-old
3. God reminded him that this plan was in place before He was born.
4. He had his struggles, had questions and used his youth as a reason he could not speak with authority.
5. God spoke to him and told him differently – Jeremiah 1:7–8
6. Jeremiah prophesied during King Josiah's reign of Judah.
7. As a sixteen-year-old, Josiah sought the Lord. He set out on the task of cleansing Judah of idol worship.
8. Jeremiah and Josiah worked together.



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CT STUDD'S POEM

I used three verses of this poem as an outline for this sermon. Early in the sermon, I talked about the divine purpose that not only Jeremiah was called to but the divine purpose that we are all called to.

After the first verse, I spoke of the fact that God made us for a divine purpose, but he does not change our personality. He takes us as we are and uses us within his divine plan. As believers, we need to allow him to mold us and make us into the people he needs us to be. We need to allow him to transform us for use in his plan.

Insert a personal example about how God has transformed you for his divine purpose. How did you step into God's divine purpose for you? As the clay on the wheel, how did God mold you for his purposes?

After the second verse, I spoke of Jeremiah and Josiah, and the purpose God called them to. Isn't this what we all want? To know that we are here for a specific purpose.

Insert another personal example about times when you had to be reshaped and remolded by God for his divine purpose.

After the last verse, I spoke about standing before God and hearing him say well done and maybe having the opportunity to say I did my best.

Following that I talked about how Jeremiah and Josiah finished. Did they accomplish God's divine purpose?

How do we do that? It's by submitted to the holy will of God. I encouraged people to submit themselves to God's will, to place themselves on the potter's will to be molded for his purpose.



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As a response, hand out small pieces of pottery. Have a wheel or a lazy susan for the congregation to put their pieces of clay on.

Only One Life, 'Twill Soon Be Past
by C.T. Studd (1860-1931)

Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, the still small voice,
Gently pleads for a better choice,
Bidding me selfish aims to leave,
And to God's holy will to cleave;

Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Give me Father, a purpose deep,
In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;
Faithful and true what e'er the strife,
Pleasing Thee in my daily life;

Only one life, yes only one,
Now let me say, "Thy will be done";
And when at last I'll hear the call,
I know I'll say "'twas worth it all";