

Bible Study Lesson: “God’s Call, God’s Strength”

Text: Jeremiah 1:11–19 (NIV)

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Theme: God equips and strengthens those He calls, even in the face of opposition.

Opening & Icebreaker (5 min)

Welcome and Prayer:

Invite the group to settle in and open with a short prayer asking for insight and courage to respond to God’s call.

Icebreaker Question:

“What’s something you’ve been asked to do that felt intimidating at first?”

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 1:11-19 - New International Version

¹¹ The word of the Lord came to me: “What do you see, Jeremiah?”

“I see the branch of an almond tree,” I replied.

¹² The Lord said to me, “You have seen correctly, for I am watching^[a] to see that my word is fulfilled.”

¹³ The word of the Lord came to me again: “What do you see?”

“I see a pot that is boiling,” I answered. “It is tilting toward us from the north.”

¹⁴ The Lord said to me, “From the north disaster will be poured out on all who live in the land. ¹⁵ I am about to summon all the peoples of the northern kingdoms,” declares the Lord.

***“Their kings will come and set up their thrones
in the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem;
they will come against all her surrounding walls
and against all the towns of Judah.***

**¹⁶ I will pronounce my judgments on my people
because of their wickedness in forsaking me,**

***in burning incense to other gods
and in worshiping what their hands have made.***

¹⁷ “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. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

Teaching & Discussion

1. Verses 11–12: The Almond Branch

- “What do you see, Jeremiah?”

God uses a vision to confirm Jeremiah’s prophetic calling.

- Almond tree = “watching tree” in Hebrew. God is watching to fulfill His word.
- Discussion Prompt:

“How does knowing that God is actively watching over His word give us confidence?”

2. Verses 13–16: The Boiling Pot

- Symbol of coming judgment from the north (Babylon).
- God reveals the cost of disobedience and the reality of opposition.
- Discussion Prompt:

“Why do you think God shows Jeremiah the danger ahead before he begins his ministry?”

3. Verses 17–19: Strength in the Face of Opposition

- “Get yourself ready... Do not be terrified...”

God commands Jeremiah to stand firm.

- God promises to make him like a fortified city, iron pillar, bronze wall.
- Key Truth:

God doesn’t promise ease, but He promises strength.

- Discussion Prompt:

“What does it mean to be a ‘fortified city’ spiritually? Have you ever felt that strength in a hard moment?”

Application & Reflection

Personal Reflection:

- Where is God calling you to speak truth or stand firm?
- Are you resisting that call out of fear or uncertainty?

Group Challenge:

- Identify one area where your group can encourage each other to be bold in faith this week.

Closing Prayer

Pray for courage, clarity, and spiritual strength. Ask God to help each person respond to His call like Jeremiah—with obedience and trust.