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Pursuing Spiritual Authenticity
"Jeremiah: When God Gives A Hard Assignment"
 Jeremiah 1: 4-8; 17-19

"It isn't what you wish to do, it's what you will do for God that transforms your life.." – Henrietta C. Mears

Lessons about ministry from Jeremiah's Life:

A Strong Start

- When given an assignment, we usually begin it with the **best intentions**.
- A strong start begins with **conviction** and **commitment**.

Pain Sets In

- Once we begin our assignment, **reality** usually sets in **quickly!**
- **Patience** and **long-suffering** are part of doing God's will in this world.

Hanging In There

- In the midst of the pain, do what **Jeremiah** did – **spill your guts** to God.

"Oh Lord, you deceived me, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the word of the Lord has brought me insult and reproach all day long." – Jeremiah 20: 7,8
- God uses your **efforts**, even if you don't see the **results**.

What's the Point of the Assignment?

- The point of the assignment is a **kingdom harvest**.
"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."
 – Matthew 9: 37, 38
- God has given **me** an **assignment**.
- **I bear the name** of the one who had the **toughest** assignment.

READING PLAN:

Complete Track

Monday - Zechariah 1-5
 Tuesday - Zechariah 6-9; Psalm 138-139
 Wednesday - Zechariah 10-14
 Thursday - Malachi 1-4; Psalm 140-141
 Friday - Ezra 1-4; Psalm 142-144
 Weekend - Ezra 5-10

Fast Track

1st Reading - Jeremiah 1-2; 18;
 Psalm 143
 2nd Reading - Jeremiah 19-20; 23;
 Psalm 44
 3rd Reading - Jeremiah 31:31-34;
 37-38; Lamentations 3:22-33;
 Psalm 126