



1. Introduction to this Study

This week we continue our series You Do You. Two weeks ago we “discovered our divine design,” last week we engaged “uncovering the true you,” and this week we want to examine “Recovering Your Kingdom Calling by embracing the place of God’s calling grace.” To do so, we continue engaging the story of Jeremiah, born into a family of priests but called to be a prophet! And as we’ll discover, Jeremiah did take a stand for the Lord and as a result, experienced personal opposition.

The Bible passage for this week is **Jeremiah 20.7-12** which helps us get a glimpse of how Jeremiah deeply struggled with the task God had given him. What task has the Lord given you? And can you relate to ever “wrestling” with God...?

2. Connecting with One Another

Have you ever done the right thing and then suffered for it?

How did it make you feel? What did you say to God?

How might you begin to articulate the **one thing** God has called you to do? Or, are you a bit fuzzy, confused, or struggling with this idea?

3. See It

- a. In Jeremiah chapters 11-20, you can discover many of the prophet’s personal prayers and complaints to God (**11.18-20; 12.1-6; 15.10-21; 17.14-18; 18.18-23; 20.7-18**). Jeremiah often struggled with people who did not want to hear his words, and he received a lot of mocking and persecution. But sometimes Jeremiah simply struggled with God.

Did not the Lord see his pain? Why did Jeremiah have to suffer so much and see so few positive results? Take an overview journey of Jeremiah chapters 11-20 and discover Jeremiah’s struggles as he sought to understand his place in God’s purpose.

Might we each begin to discover in a deeper, clearer way that there are many things we **can do**...but what is the one thing God is showing us we **must do**?

- b. **Read Jeremiah 20.7-10. (Jeremiah has been placed in the stocks at the city gate...)**

What blame does Jeremiah dare shift to God? (v.8) What internal tension does that create (v.9)? Which seems more dominant at this point: personal bitterness or divine compulsion?





- c. Jeremiah is ready to give up on God and even on his life. He is angry at God for what his life has become. His life doesn't look very unique in design or destiny. Can you relate - personally or know of someone's story/testimony...?

- d. Engage this statement:

"There is something worse than suffering in life, and that is having nothing in life worth suffering for."

Here we see Jeremiah painfully embrace God's calling grace. Speaking words is no longer something he can merely do. It's what he must do, and it is the test of pain that reveals that to him.

- e. Read Jeremiah 20.11-12.

When it comes down to it, how does Jeremiah "see" the LORD?

What is his heart's cry for God's justice to prevail for the righteous?

Jeremiah hurts not just in his body but in his soul. He aches at the hypocrisy of his people. He longs for acceptance inside his community. He desperately desires for the truth to be revealed. These are the deep convictions that we see emerge in the words of verses 11 and 12.

- f. ***"If calling is about what you can't help but do, then convictions are the things you can't do without."***

What are some convictions that are near and dear to your heart? How have the scriptures shaped those convictions? How else are convictions formed within us?

- g. What core convictions do you see in Jeremiah?

What are your core convictions? When has one of them paid off?

- h. Who have you known personally who lives out their calling and convictions well?

What about that person's life do you want to make part of your own life?

How could you go about doing that?

- i. Read Psalm 42.1-11.

Can you see Jeremiah praying this prayer?

What spiritual doubts are expressed by the psalmist?

What prescription does the psalmist recommend (vv. 5 & 11)? Do think this is a realistic way to handle doubts/anger/grief?





- j. By understanding your calling and convictions, you can begin to identify the one thing that is at the center of your unique mission from God.

What have been some insights you have learned about YOU, from any of the Yunique tools/assessments you have been engaging so far? Frustrations?

4. Be It

On the following pages are opportunities to further embrace the place of God's calling grace (inspired by chapter 8 in *Yunique*, if you're reading along)! These build on previous weeks' **Life Discovery Grid**, **Life Drifts**, **False Self Assessment**, **Passion Funnel** and **Passion 360**. If you missed those study guides, click gdshp.ch/youdoyou1 for week one and gdshp.ch/youdoyou2 for week two.

First, begin creating your **Sweet Spot** by reflecting on and reengaging previous week's work in light of this week's study, fill in the blanks to create your **Big Sentence** (like Mad Libs – remember those!?). Don't be shy – be honest with the **abilities** and **passions** God gave you, and the best **context** he has suited you for (the place you most enjoy being and naturally feel at home). This may seem complex, but it is not complicated. Think of it not as Mad Libs, but "Glad Libs"! As Frederick Buechner said, "The place where God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

Second, reflect on your favorite verse or passage in the Bible, your **Signature Scripture**. As Will Mancini asks in *Yunique*: "Which Scripture speaks most powerfully to the center of your soul?" Which passage illuminates and speaks to the twelve words listed in your **Big Sentence**? Though engaging it this way may seem dark or gloomy, imagine which verse or passage of Scripture you would want preached at your funeral service.

Next, try to distill everything you are Recovering about your Kingdom Calling into two words. I know what you're thinking... Two words!? Yes! Have fun with it! First, use a **verb**, then a **noun**. Here are some examples to stimulate your reflection...

- Designing Enjoyment
- Raising Capacity
- Empowering Momentum
- Shepherding Significance
- Igniting Passion
- Animating Truth
- Intentionalizing Integration



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RECOVER YOUR
KINGDOM CALLING

I am created to honor God and serve others by leveraging my **abilities** to:

with a deep **passion** for:

in the **context** of:



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My Signature Scripture:

My Two Words:

I exist to honor God and serve others by _____ing _____.

