

**YOU ARE HERE #1**

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*This is what GOD said: “Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you: A prophet to the nations—that’s what I had in mind for you.” But I said, “Hold it, Master GOD! Look at me. I don’t know anything. I’m only a boy!” GOD told me, “Don’t say, ‘I’m only a boy.’ I’ll tell you where to go and you’ll go there. I’ll tell you what to say and you’ll say it. Don’t be afraid of a soul. I’ll be right there, looking after you.” GOD reached out, touched my mouth, and said, “Look! I’ve just put my words in your mouth—hand-delivered! See what I’ve done? I’ve given you a job to do among nations and governments—a red-letter day! Your job is to pull up and tear down, take apart and demolish, and then start over, building and planting.” GOD’s Message came to me: “What do you see, Jeremiah?” I said, “A walking stick—that’s all.” And GOD said, “Good eyes! I’m sticking with you. I’ll make every word I give you come true.” Jeremiah 1:4-12 MSG*

**GOD WANTS EVERY MAN TO KNOW...**

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*“Stand at attention while I prepare you for your work. I’m making you as impregnable as a castle, Immovable as a steel post, solid as a concrete block wall. You’re a one-man defense system against this culture, against Judah’s kings and princes, against the priests and local leaders. They’ll fight you, but they won’t even scratch you. I’ll back you up every inch of the way.” GOD’s Decree. Jeremiah 1:18-19 MSG*

**YOU ARE HERE...NO SUCH THING AS A CHANCE ENCOUNTER**

*Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. Acts 8:26-35 NIV*

**I RECOGNIZE \_\_\_\_\_.**

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*“As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.” John 9:4 NIV*

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***“I will go before you and will level the mountains, I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron.” Isaiah 45:2 NIV***

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***“This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet.”***

***“The mind of a person plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.” Proverbs 16:9 NASB***

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***“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” Colossians 4:5-6***

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***“In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.” 2 Timothy 2:20-21 NIV***

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***“Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.”***

***“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.” Colossians 4:2-3 NIV***

#### **FOR DISCUSSION**

**HAVE YOU EVER FOUND YOURSELF IN A SITUATION WHERE GOD’S UNPLANNED PLAN HAPPENED?**

**HOW DO WE CHANGE OUR “SITUATIONAL AWARENESS” TO ACCOUNT FOR GOD’S KINGDOM AT WORK IN OUR MIDST?**

**WHICH POINT OF “RECOGNITION” RESONATES WITH YOU? WHY?**

**WHERE IS GOD TAKING YOU TODAY AS HIS MAN ON MISSION?**

