

Shaped for Service

Discovering the Divine Blueprint for Your Life's Work.

(Based on Psalm 78:1-8 & Jeremiah 1)

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The Divine Supply Chain

THE NEED	THE ROLE
Something Proclaimed →	A Proclaimer
Something Built →	A Builder
Something Organized →	An Organizer

When God needs something done, he calls someone to do it.
He recruits us off the bench.

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The Archetype of a Calling

627 BC



The Situation

The nation was economically strong but spiritually bankrupt. Injustice was rife; the covenant was broken.

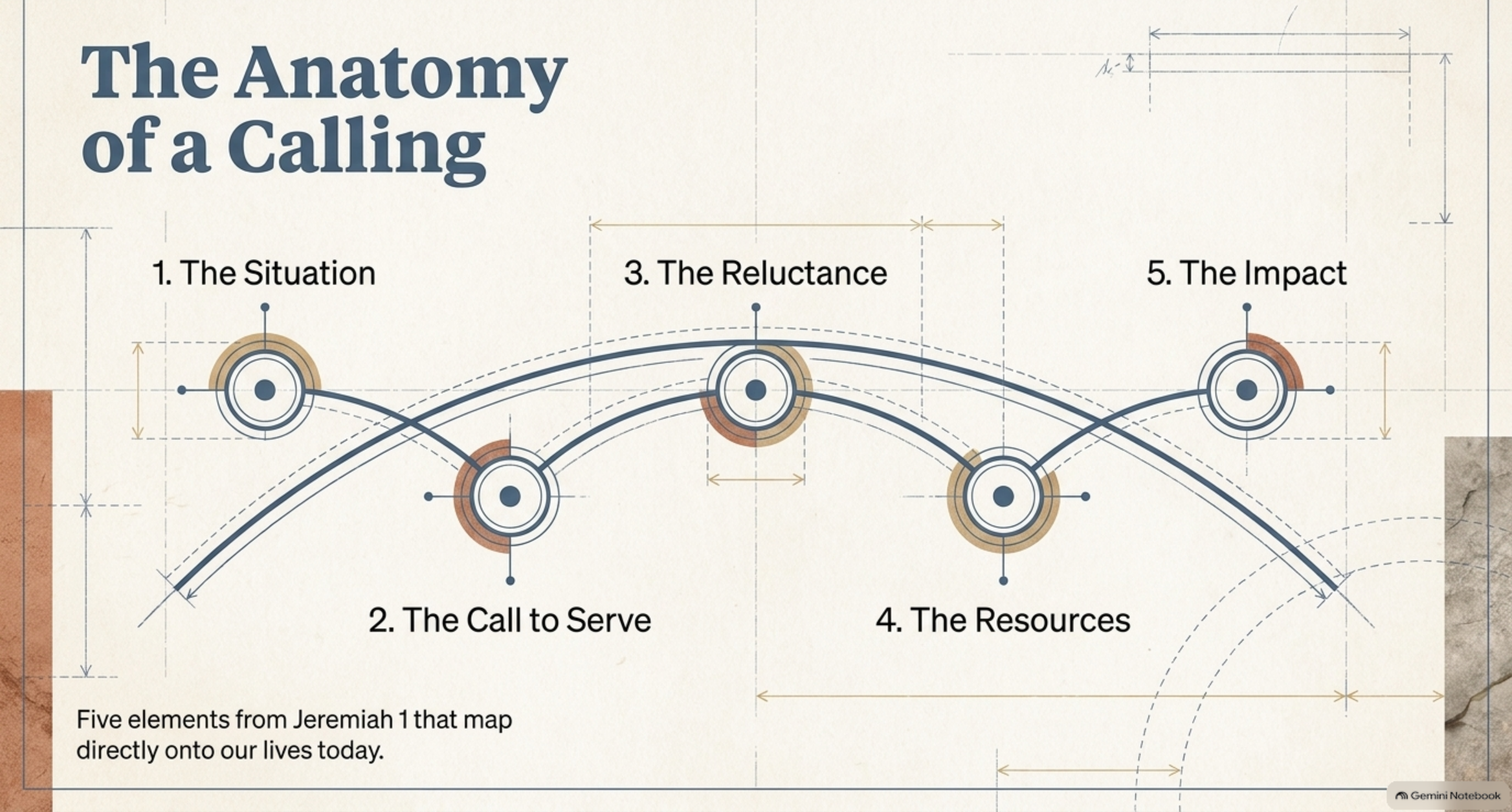


The Intervention

God decided to intervene. He needed a spokesman to warn the nation, and he selected a 20-year-old youth named Jeremiah.

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The Anatomy of a Calling



Five elements from Jeremiah 1 that map directly onto our lives today.

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The Origin of the Call

I chose you
(Before formation)



I set you apart
(Before birth)

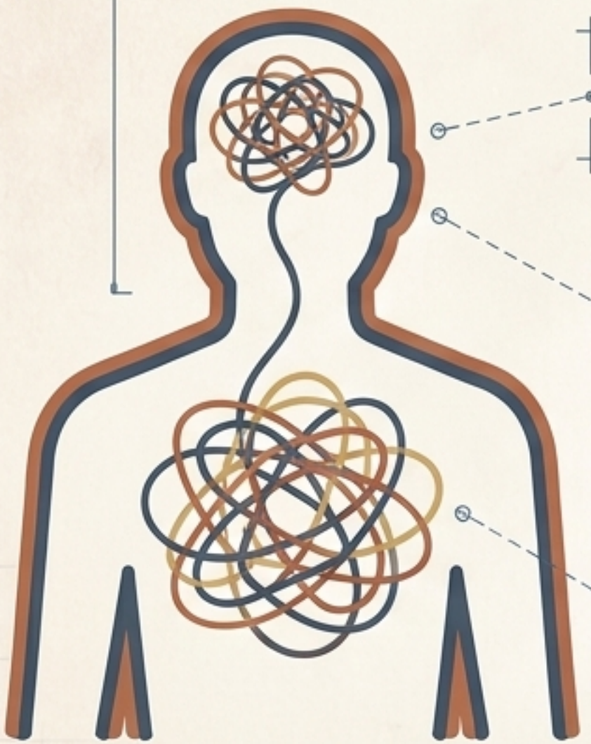
I appointed you
(For the nations)

You do not appoint yourself. God shapes His people for His mission, like a potter shapes a pot on the wheel. Jeremiah did not tell God what he would do; he simply received the shape he was given.

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The Crisis of Confidence

Internal Assessment



I am only a youth.

I don't know how to speak.

I lack the tough, gravelly voice of a prophet.

External Reality



Serving was objectively hazardous.
Jeremiah faced threats from his hometown, arrests, beatings, and a king who destroyed his prophecies.

Reluctance wasn't a lack of faith; it was a realistic human assessment.

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Diagnostic Matrix: Where Are You Looking?

Looking IN (Human Limitation)	Looking UP (Divine Resource)
Where do I go?	I will tell you where to go.
Who do I talk to?	I will send you.
What do I say?	I will fill your mouth with words.
I am afraid.	I will be with you to rescue you.

Authority and ability are found by looking UP, not IN.

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The Dual Mandate of Impact

Impact Forcefield

Dismantle

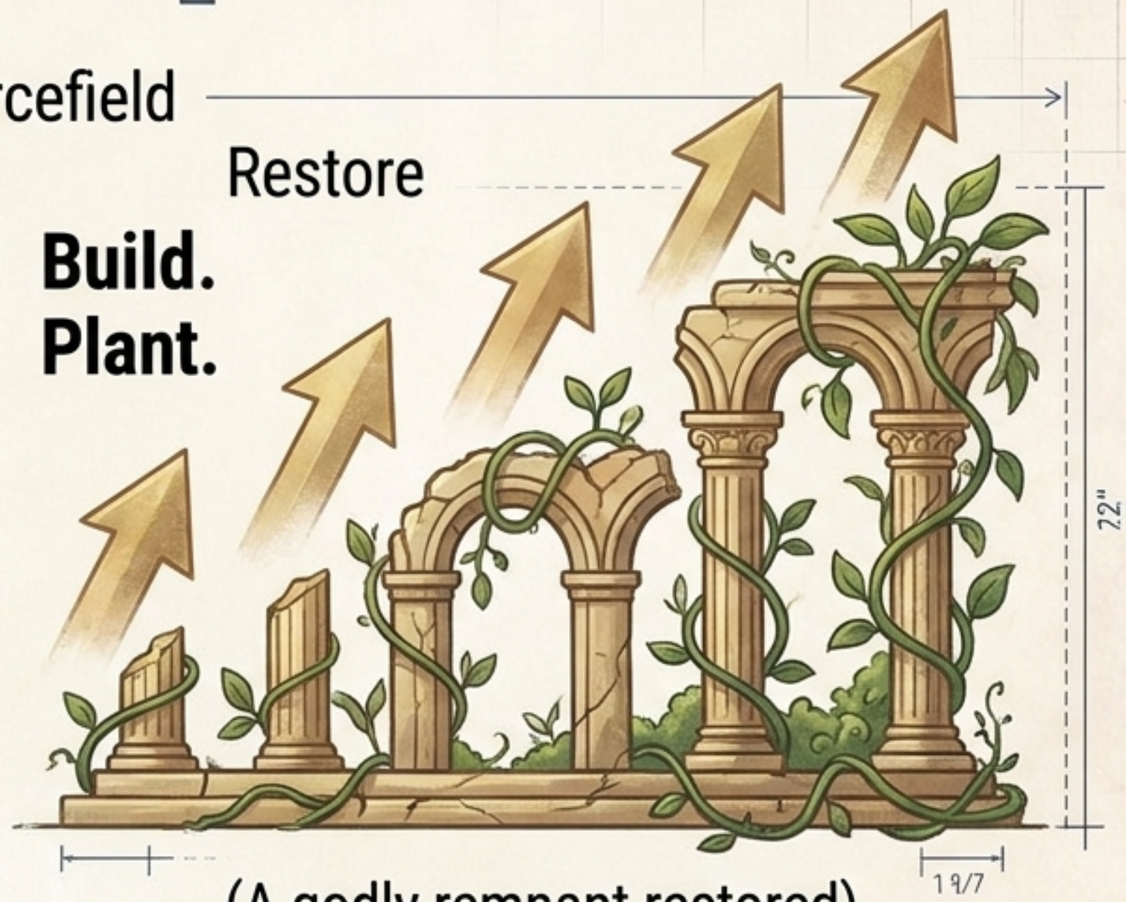
Uproot.
Tear Down.
Destroy.
Demolish.



(A godless society dismantled)

Restore

Build.
Plant.



(A godly remnant restored)

Through one youth's obedience, nations and kingdoms heard God's sovereign Word.

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The Paradox of Purpose

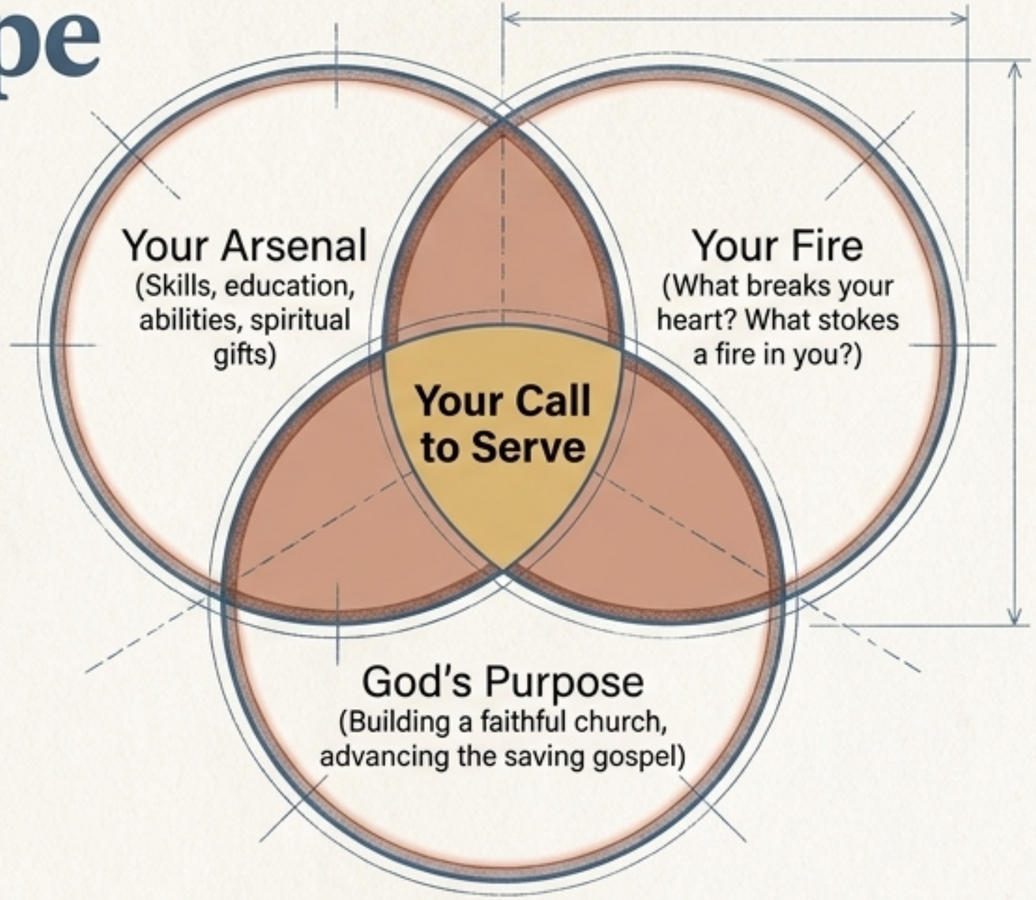
God does not call the qualified; he qualifies the called.

Jeremiah was called to be a prophet. You are called for a different purpose, but you are shaped by the exact same Divine Blueprint.

"Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God." — 1 Peter 4:10

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Discovering Your Specific Shape



Consider talking to a wise, trusted friend to help you discern where you fit into these purposes.

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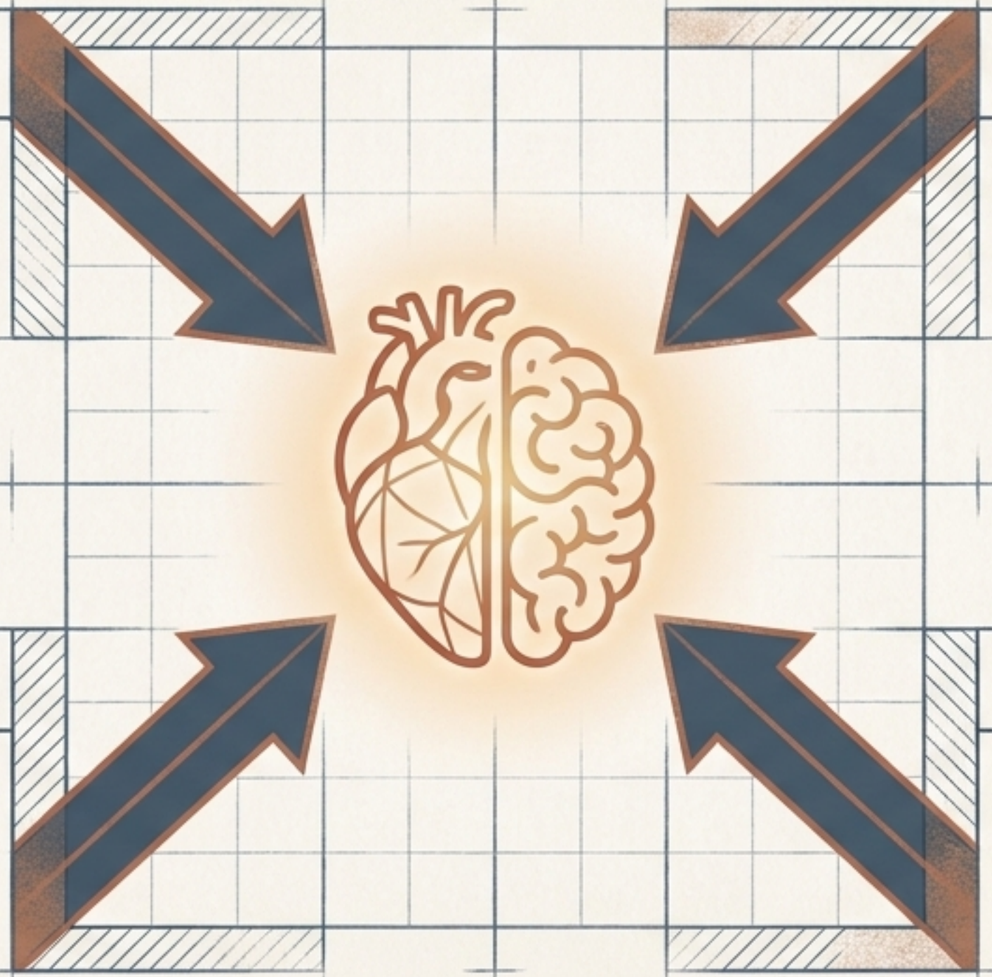
Tuning the Frequency

1. The Word

Primary guidance is found through reading the Bible.

2. Internal Conviction

Listening to the Holy Spirit's internal direction and nudges.



3. External Inputs

The people, books, and media you purposefully connect with.

4. Deep Passions

Paying close attention to what profoundly breaks your heart.

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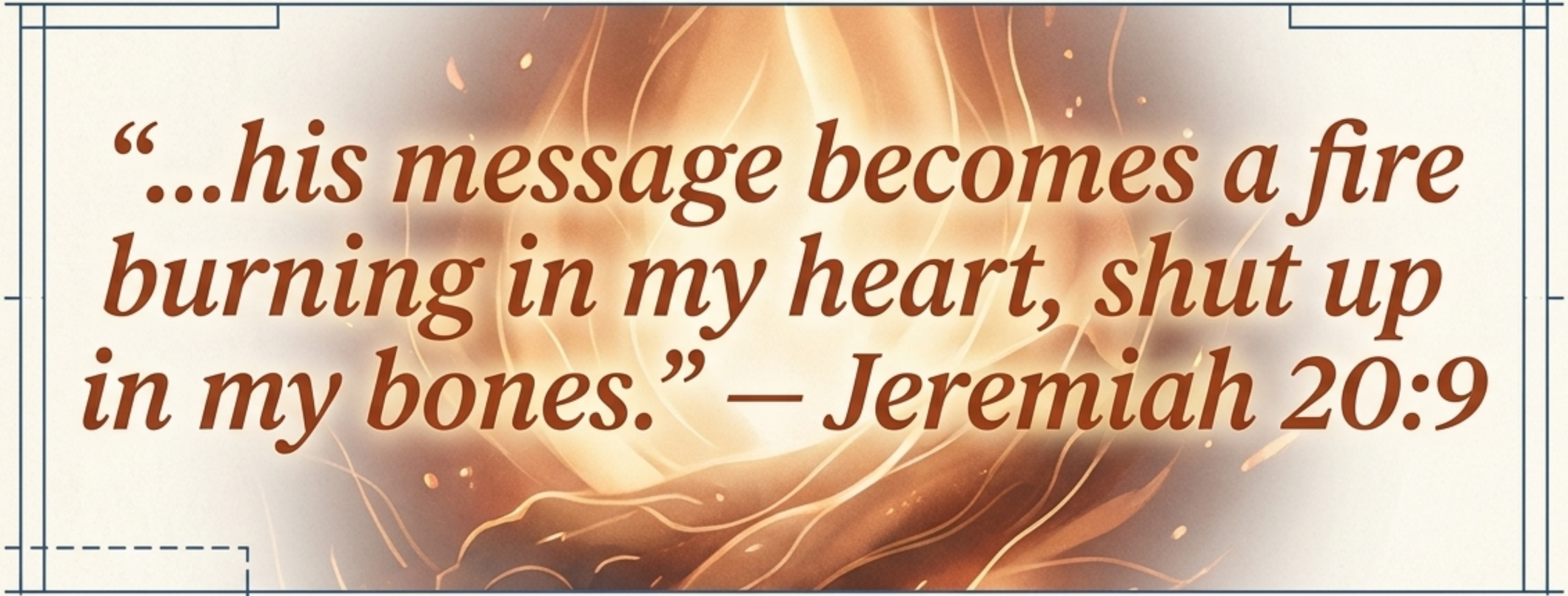
The Activation Curve

Saying yes to God will not guarantee an easy life, but it guarantees your best life.



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A Fire in the Bones



Expect to feel alive. When we step up to serve, we partner with God in His great work. **There is no greater feeling than feeling the fire of purpose purpose** in your own life.

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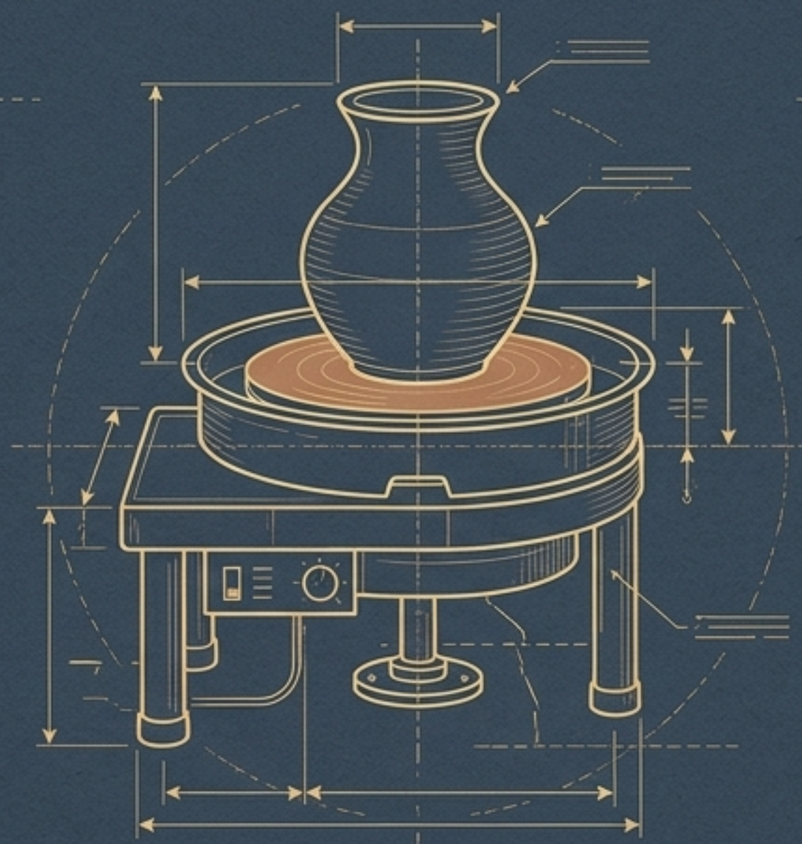
Step Off the Bench

We are a church of volunteers. I am humbled by your commitment to Jesus, your servant hearts, and your willingness to step up and meet needs.

You deserve to be appreciated.



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