



### **Don't Skip This**

***“But the Lord stands beside me like a great warrior. Before him my persecutors will stumble. They cannot defeat me.” Jeremiah 20:11(NLT)***

There is no doubt that the Lord works in mysterious ways; mysterious to us at least. (I'm sure everything he does makes perfect sense to him!) On the other hand, there are many things he does that make logical sense. For example, “Come close to God and God will come close to you” (James 4:8). Basic relationship building makes logical sense. So does God's desire for us to take the initiative as he wants us to pursue loving him. Commitments between us and God related to fulfilling your Life Mission work like this too. The quote above from Jeremiah is the second half of the story of commitment....don't gloss over the first! Here's the gist of the full story:

**Commit your Life Mission to God, and then he will stand beside you like a great warrior.**

Though God may prompt you to take on a great mission, it's not until we commit it to him that he responds as a great warrior by our side. We commit, God responds. Jeremiah wrote that God is a great warrior standing by his side, but would God be by his side if he had not committed his mission to him first? I wonder....

Jeremiah was in the midst of ridicule and persecution when he wrote this. He needed a mighty warrior at his side! He was tapped by God to be his spokesman to the world and the world did not want to hear it. Jeremiah was faithfully and diligently doing this work.

*“So these messages from the Lord have made me a household joke. But if I say I’ll never mention the Lord or speak in his name, his word burns in my heart like a fire. It’s like a fire in my bones! I am worn out trying to hold it in! I can’t do it!” Jeremiah 20:8-9 (NLT)*

Have you ever felt such a burning commitment? How hard this must have been for Jeremiah. He dedicated his entire life to delivering God’s message....in spite of rejection after rejection...violent ones too! God saw his commitment, his heart. Jeremiah was in this no matter what and God responded.

**God loves to see how you respond when you are tested and will fight for you when you show your deep commitment.**

When your Life Mission is joined with his... your heart with God’s heart, your passion with his passion, God is there. Though Jeremiah spoke the words that God is a great warrior standing by his side first, they are the powerful second part in Jeremiah’s “complaint”. Here’s the first part of the story.

*“O Lord of Heaven’s Armies, you test those who are righteous, and you examine the deepest thoughts and secrets. Let me see your vengeance against them, for I have committed my cause to you.” Jeremiah 20:12 (NLT)*

Jeremiah is such a strong role model for us! You may find comfort in this as you pursue your Life Mission. I think of Jeremiah when I need encouragement. When

you serve the Lord, there certainly will be days when you face adversity. If you find yourself feeling that there no choice other than to continue on in the midst of rejection or persecution, then you'll know for sure you have made a commitment to God.

### **Have you committed your Life Mission to God?**

*“Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you. <sup>6</sup> He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn, and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun.” Psalm 37:5-6 (NLT)*

Don't miss out on the second half of the story because you skipped over the first. Imagine your cause shining like the noonday sun. Imagine God, mighty warrior at your side. Commit your Life Mission to the Lord and align your heart with his.

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**“I commit my Life Mission to the Lord.”**

*“Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed. Proverbs  
16:3 (NLT)*

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