

**Fortified**  
**Jeremiah 1:13-19, Pew Bible p. 627**  
**August 21, 2022**

**I. The Calling of God (V. 13-16)**

- A. God's calling matters.
- B. God's calling is hard.
- C. God's calling is offensive.
- D. God's calling is convicting.

**II. The Strength of God (V. 17-19)**

- A. God fortifies those He calls when they believe what He says more than they are hurt by what others do.
- B. God fortifies those He calls to prove that truth always wins and lies always lose.

## **Group Discussion Questions**

1. Read Jeremiah 1:13-19.
2. Have you ever had to tell someone something about God they did not want to hear, as Jeremiah did in verses 13-16? Have you ever been told something about God you did not want to hear? Why did you or they not want to hear it?
3. Have you ever been afraid of a person's reaction to the word of God? What made you afraid? How has God helped you through that fear?
4. What do you think God means by, "Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them?" How could God make us more afraid of things we are already afraid of? What does that tell us about the importance of courage in Christian ministry?
5. What does being "fortified" by God (V. 18) to fulfill His calling do for you? Does that mean obedient servants of God never suffer? Why?
6. Have you ever experienced God fortify you for something He called you to do? What did that look like?
7. Pray for our church, that God would fortify our church family to reach a lost world for Christ. Consider attending the church prayer meeting every Sunday at 7 pm. Register at the church website at [www.apollobaptist.org](http://www.apollobaptist.org).

## **Church Bible Reading Plan**

Numbers 5-7

August Memory Verses: Numbers 14:17-19

***Romans 8:35-37***

*<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

**BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:**

If you have not done so already, please register for the next quarter's Zoom meetings from the [www.apollobaptist.org](http://www.apollobaptist.org) home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. This new registration will last through 12/25/2022. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

**Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:**

- PRAYING for a missionary family moving to a war-torn country this week. They will be on the call with us.

**Pray for Our Church Family Needs:**

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:  
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus  
Marge D. – Salvation for son, Matthew
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:  
David T. & family (wife), Louise R. (husband), Ed G. & family (mother), family of Phyllis W., Paul W. & family (aunt), Anne W.-B. & family (husband), family of Joan S., and Sherri O. (uncle)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:  
Michelle L. (health issues), Mary R. (dialysis needed until kidney transplant), Leon V. (chemo & other health issues), Debbie B. (health issues), Twila D. (stroke), Wayne D. (declining health), Ken & Darlene R. (health issues), John E. (eyelid cancer/kidney issues), Debbie P. (health issues), Ann C.-W. (health issues), and Phil K. (critical health issues)
- Others that you are aware of