

SACRED ASSEMBLY graphic
SERIES graphic

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Jeremiah 12:5a(NLT)

“If racing against mere men makes you tired, how will you **race against horses?**”

God has more and better and harder for His people.

We do not start with ourselves, our situation, our feelings, or what others are “saying”

→ **We start with God.**

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God CHOSE

God SET APART

God APPOINTED (~given)

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- **Stop any self-talk that does not align with God’s words.**
- **Do not let fear win within.**
- **Redefine success → Faithfulness to God**
- **Agree with God’s assessment and direction**

Jeremiah 6:16a (ESV)

Thus says the Lord: “Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the **ancient paths**, where **the good way** is; and walk in it, and find **rest for your souls**.”

The Big Question:

Do we believe that **radical faith in God is the only way to live our best life?**

{come up one ‘letter’ at a time}

3 Faiths:

- a) Faith of **ritual, tradition, upbringing** → Jeremiah 7
- b) Faith of **desperation** (9-1-1)
- c) Faith of **sufficiency**

Vision: Part 1

- **__ Captivated (enthralled) with God and being close to Him**
 - **__ OBSTACLES: casual/complacent; wrong view of God**

Vision: Part 2

- Free from “want” or “lack” (Psalm 23)
 - OBSTACLES: fear; deceitful desires

Vision: Part 3

- Purpose & Meaning → “*race against the horses*”
 - OBSTACLES: self; wrong definition of success

Jeremiah 6:16b (ESV)

But they said, ‘We will **not** walk in it.’

God does not steamroll our will (capacity to decide, choose, create, think, etc.)

Jeremiah 7:1-2

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ²“**Stand in the gate of the house of the Lord and there call out this word:** ‘Hear the word of the Lord, **all** you people of Judah who enter through these gates to worship the Lord.

Jeremiah 7:3-4

“This is what the Lord of Armies, the God of Israel, says: **Correct your ways** and your actions, and I will allow you to **live in this place**. ⁴Do not trust deceitful words, chanting, “This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord.”

ACTION:

We must completely reject **superficial spirituality.**

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Colossians 3:3

For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden **with Christ** in God.

Galatians 4:19

My children, I am again suffering labor pains for you **until Christ is formed in you**.

1) We have to confront a false **image of God and false images of **ourselves****

Without revelation, our image of g/God will conform to our own interpretations, experiences, and limitations.

Ephesians 2:7

... in the coming ages He might display the **immeasurable** riches of His grace through His kindness **to us** in Christ Jesus.

Revelation 21:2-4

...prepared like **a bride adorned** for her husband. ³ Then I heard a loud voice from the throne: Look, God's dwelling is with humanity, and **He will live with them**. They will be His peoples, and God Himself will be **with** them and will be their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; grief, crying, and pain will be no more, because the previous things have passed away.

God made the world so His Son's love would have an outlet.

What makes God happy?

Luke 15:7

... there will be **more joy** in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who don't need repentance.

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The love of God for us must not only be a theological principle but an operating reality in our lives.

2) We will have to go **deep ... → inner transformation**

Jesus is creating a **forever family that shares similar characteristics, attitudes, and ambitions.**

Dear Lord,

Do not give me any more _____ than my character can currently handle.

3) We will have to push past a **limit or boundary.**

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