



# ASSURED, BUT NOT ABANDONED!

JEREMIAH 1:4-12; HEBREWS 13:5

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- ▶ For God has said, “I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.”
- ▶ God’s promise is to never desert us or cast us away; to never leave us without protection or care!
- ▶ Jeremiah’s call is symbolic to our being called to live everyday for Him

# OUR FIRST ASSURANCE

- ▶ Anointed (set apart)
- ▶ The origin of anointing was from a practice of shepherds. Lice and insects would infect their sheep by burrowing in the ears leading at times to death. The shepherds would pour oil on the sheep's head cause the wool to be slippery and the insects unable to get near their ears. It became symbolic of blessing, protection, empowerment, and care. It also meant to consecrate or set apart...but don't mistake it for a magic potion. The oil itself did not have power, only God anoints a person for a specific purpose.

# OUR SECOND ASSURANCE



- ▶ Appointed – decided on beforehand, an assignment, selection, or designation
- ▶ Each of us has an assignment as prescribed by God...pastor, teacher, parent, friend, neighbor, etc.
- ▶ Our lives are an assignment from God, selected to represent God, designated for a purpose in God.

# OUR FINAL ASSURANCE

- ▶ Not abandoned – to be deserted or cast off
- ▶ God's promise is to never leave us nor abandon us...how?
- ▶ Matthew 27:46 says, "Eli, Eli lema sabachthani, my God, my God why have you abandoned me?"
- ▶ God chose not to intervene in order to fulfill Christ's anointing and appointment. But He never abandoned Christ
- ▶ Our assurance is that God will intervene in our situations, as He fulfills His purpose in us, and He will never leave us nor fail us – Christ has taken our abandonment