

# GROWING DEEPER

The #1 enemy that can defeat our effectiveness and growth this time of year is excuses. Good excuses rarely collect dust because we use them often. Which of these common excuses do you find yourself using? The task is too demanding; my talent is inadequate; the time is not right; the task is too costly; do I have to go now?

## **Excuse #1: The task is too demanding** (Jeremiah 1:5)

What tasks, opportunities and responsibilities has God provided for you in 2017?

How was Jeremiah's task of becoming a prophet demanding? What did the people think of Jeremiah's message? How should God's foreknowledge of our calling and abilities affect our excuses?

## **Excuse #2: My talent is inadequate** (Jeremiah 1:6)

How does Paul address this excuse in 2 Corinthians 12:9? How can our perceived disadvantages actually function as spiritual advantages? How have you seen God use you or others despite weaknesses?

## **Excuse #3: The time is not right** (Jeremiah 1:6-7)

It's often said that If you wait for the right time, you'll never go. What opportunities or tasks remain unfinished in your life? How does God answer Jeremiah's excuse that he is too young; what can we learn from it?

## **Excuse #4: The task is too costly** (Jeremiah 1:13)

God used the image of a boiling pot to communicate coming wrath. Jeremiah's task was not convenient, but costly. What will it cost to obey what God is calling you to do? Why are the most important tasks usually the most costly?

## **Excuse #5: Do I have to go now?** (Jeremiah 1:17)

How is delayed obedience a form of disobedience? Why is immediate obedience important to God? How does immediate obedience shape us? How has hesitation ended up costing you more than immediate obedience?



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# ORIGINS

EVERY STORY HAS A BEGINNING

## JEREMIAH: NO EXCUSES

Message by Michael Hearn  
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*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."*

Jeremiah 1:5 (ESV)

# WELCOME

We are glad you joined us this morning! If you are visiting, please do not feel obligated to give when the offering comes by. We simply desire that you will experience God's presence.

**Connection Cards** are a great way to let us know who you are and how we can serve you--just drop them in the offering basket or at the Info Hub in the lobby.

## THIS WEEK

S	9:30 & 11:30 AM	HP	Worship Gatherings
	9:30 & 11:30 AM	HP	Summit View Kids (0-5th grade)
	10:45 AM	HP	Baptism Class
	11:30 AM	HP	Beloved Unbeliever Class begins
M	11:30 AM	HP	Tribe (MS) Youth
	1:30 PM	HP	Women's Knitting Meeting
	6 PM		Anchor (YA) begins again
	10 AM	HP	Women's Dance Fitness
T	7 PM	HP	Journey Through the Bible
	8 PM	HP	Men's Open Gym
	9:30 AM	HP	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 PM	HP	Women's Book Study
W	9:30 AM	HP	Women's Bible Studies
	9:30 AM	HP	Men's Bible Study
	7 PM	HP	Oasis Women's Study
	7 PM	HP	Tribe (MS) Youth
TH	7 PM	HP	Refuge (HS) Youth
	9:30 AM	HP	MOMS
	7 PM	HP	Women's Dance Fitness
	7:30 PM	HP	Men's Intercept
SA	8:15 PM	HP	Men's Basketball (35+)
	9:30 AM		Homeless Outreach

COMING SOON

## JANUARY

22 **HP** Money Wise Class for Parents #1  
22 **HP** Baptism Class  
27 **HP** Abortion Recovery class begins  
29 **HP** Baptisms  
29 **HP** New at Summit View Class  
31 **HP** New **Financial Peace** Class begins

## FEBRUARY

2 **HP** MOMS

Feb. 10-12 Snow What Middle School Camp

16 **HP** MOMS

18 Homeless Outreach

21 **HP** New DivorceCare session begins

26 **HP** Money Wise Class for Parents #2

Mar. 3-5 Beacon High School Camp

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**HP** Located at Heritage Park Campus  
**F** Located at Felida Campus

## FINANCES

Sunday, Jan. 8*	HP	Felida	Total
Weekly Budget	\$26,332.86	\$8,777.62	\$35,110.47
Weekly Offering	\$8,452.26	\$1,724.00	\$10,176.26
Over / Under	-\$17,880.60	-\$7,053.62	-\$24,934.21

\* Unusually low numbers reflect last week's cancelled services. Operational costs remain fixed during closures.

## NOTES

## CARE GROUPS

Jesus had 12 close friends with whom He shared life and had a lot of spiritual conversations. We believe authentic relationships are the best context to grow in Christ.

We provide group discussion questions each week (see back page) to encourage people to go deeper in their study and their relationships.

If you would like to join a Care Group, please contact any of our pastors or fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the offering basket or at the Info hub.